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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING, 1955

The Annual General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 7th February, 1955 at 4 p.m.

PRESENT:

Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji, M.A., D.Lit., F.A.S., M.L.C.,
President, in the Chair.

Members

Akberabadi, Said Ahmed
Alimuddin, D. R. S. M.
Bagchi, K. N.
Banerjea, J. N.
Banerjee, H.
Banerjee, S.
Banerji, Binayaknath
Basu, U. P.
Bhaduri, J. L.
Bhattacharyya, H. D.
Bhattacharyya, S. S.
Biswas, H. K.
Bose, D. M.
Bose, Manindralal
Bose, S. K.
Chakravarti, P.
Chaudhuri, B. N.
Chaudhuri, D. N.
Choudhury, K. D.
Chatterjee, M. D.
Chatterjee, Manomoha
Chatterjee, R.
Chokhany, Ram Dev
Chopra, Hira Lall
Chunder, P. C.
Das, T. C.
Dasgupta, Charuchandr
Deb, R. K.
Dutt, Asokakrishna
Dutt, Nalinaksha
Ganguli, Anilchandra
Ganguly, D. C.
Ghatak, Jyotishchandra
Ghose, J. C.
Ghose, Manindranath
Ghosh, Devaprasad
Ghosh, Manomohan
Ghosh, Sati
Ghosh, S. K.
Ghosh, Susilkumar
Ghoshal, U. N.
Griffiths, Walter G.
Guha, B. K.
Gupta, A. H.
Gupta, P. C.
Hasan, Masood
Hora, S. L.
Husain, Mahdi
Jain, Baboo Lall
Jain, Chhote Lal
Jalany, S.
Jhajharia, N. K.
Kanoria, G. K.
Karim, M. A.
Kundu, Gurupada
Lahiri, A. N.
Law, A. C.
Law, N. C.
Law, Parbuttychurn
Maitra, Nalininath
Majumdar, J.
Majumdar, P. C.
Mitra, Eva
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Sen, Probhakumar
Sen, P. C.
Sen, S. N.
Sen, S. P.
Sen, Sukumar
Sengupta, N. L.
Sharma, Beni Shanker
Sharma, M. S.
Singh, Hardatta Rai
Singh, P.
Sinha, N. K.
Singhi, R.
Singhania, Madan Mohan
Sircar, Amalchandra
Surti, W. B.
Trivedi, Vipinbehari
Ukil, A. C.

Visitors

Bhattacharya, Bhabatosh
Chatterjee, Debabrata
Ghose, Susilkumar
Gooptu, N.
Jain, Baboo Lall
Lal, S. B.
Mukherjee, D. C.
Mukherjee, Jatindrachandra
Nair, S. Roy
Sarma, Bharitya Sankar

and others who did not sign in the Register.

1. The President declared the Annual Meeting open and said:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

Voting for the election of the new Council for 1955-56 and one Fellow, Mr. T. N. Ramachandran, shall begin at 4 p.m. and members may kindly record their votes. Voting papers in this connection will be handed over to every voter. Voting will close at 5 p.m.

I now request the Ordinary Members to fill up the voting papers duly and drop the same in the sealed boxes kept for the purpose as per directions noted on the voting papers. Votes will be scrutinised later in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 44(*b*). Dr. U. P. Basu and Mr. Nirmalkumar Sen will take charge of all arrangements concerning the election. Voting concluded at 5 p.m.

2. At 5-50 the President appointed Dr. W. G. Griffiths and Mr. Chotelal Jain to act as scrutineers for examining the votes recorded in accordance with Rule No. 44(*a*).

3. Copies of the Annual Report for 1954 were then distributed to all those who were present.

4. The President next called upon the General Secretary to present the Annual Report for 1954 (*Vide Appendix II*).

In presenting the Annual Report for 1954 Mr. J. M. Sen said:

Since the Regulations have been changed it has been the practice simply to present the Report and the Accounts at the Annual General Meeting and at the Ordinary Monthly Meeting that follows immediately after the Annual Meeting. If there be any special arguments or suggestions which should be incorporated or could be modified, then notices of such changes are to be given before the middle of February by the members and Fellows concerned, so that the final adoption of the Report may take place in the first monthly meeting following such alterations. That being the procedure, today I formally present at the Annual Meeting the Annual Report for 1954 together with the abstract statement of Receipts and Disbursements. I would only invite your attention to certain paragraphs in the Report, *viz.*, the paragraphs concerning the membership and the decisions of the Council. They are given as far as practicable in greater detail in the Report. I need not repeat them at today's meeting. There is a reference about the Reorganisation Committee, the proposals of which had been considered by the Finance Committee in January, 1955 and by the Council only last week. Naturally those proposals could not be incorporated in the Annual Report for 1954, but they will of course feature in the following year. Professor J. M. Sen then invited the attention of the members to other important and relevant portions of the Report. He continued:

'Before I relinquish my office of General Secretary I would like to say that I have got to pay my sincere homage to two distinguished Presidents of the Society in the persons of Dr. S. K. Mitra and Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji during my tenure of office. I am deeply grateful to them for all their advice and guidance. Secondly, I am thankful to those members of the Council who had in difficult times helped me and also such members of the Library and the General Office staff who worked extra hours to run the administration of the Society.

'Lastly, I must say that I am deeply conscious of my shortcomings and the bitter and sometimes vituperative criticisms which some members kept pouring upon me and some of the members concerned, I think, actually goaded me on to further activities and hard work. I am therefore also thankful to them for opening my eyes in many directions about the management and administration of the Society.

5. The President then delivered his Annual Address (*vide Appendix I*).

6. After that the President added:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I may now make the announcements regarding the awards of Medals for the year 1954. We regret very much that our Patron, Dr. H. C. Mookerjee due to other important engagements elsewhere could not be present to hand over these medals to the recipients concerned or their representatives.

Before, however, making these awards I have pleasure in announcing the election of an Ordinary Fellow of the Asiatic Society, Mr. T. N. Ramachandran, Deputy Director-General of Archæology in India and on behalf of the Society I welcome him among our fellow members.

The President then made the following announcements:

(*a*) The Paul Johannes Brühl Memorial Medal goes to Dr. Debabrata Chatterjee for his most meritorious original researches in Botany.

The President then handed over the medal to Dr. Debabrata Chatterjee and congratulated him on his own and on behalf of the Society for his brilliant work.

The President next said:

(*b*) The Annandale Memorial Medal has been awarded to Professor G. H. R. Von Koeningswald of the University of Utrecht for his outstanding discoveries on the Pithecantropus of Java which threw new light on the conception of human origins.

As Professor Von Koeningswald could not be present at the meeting, the President requested the General Secretary to make arrangements for handing over the medal to the Dutch Consulate or some other body, for forwarding the same to the recipient, with the Society's hearty congratulations.

The President then remarked:

(*c*) The Pramathanath Bose Memorial Medal has been awarded to Dr. A. M. Heron for his valuable contributions towards the knowledge of Geology of India, particularly Rajasthan.

As Dr. Heron sent a telegram intimating his acceptance of the medal but regretting his inability to be present to receive the medal in person, the President requested the General Secretary to do the needful in the matter.

After that the President continued:

(*d*) The Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial Gold Medal goes to Mr. M. Visvesvaraiya for his most outstanding contributions in the realm of Science and Industry.

Mr. M. Visvesvaraiya will not be able to be present with us to-night so I request the General Secretary to forward the medal in due course to the recipient with the Society's hearty congratulations.

7. After this the President enquired whether the scrutiny of the ballot papers for the election of the New Council was over. He was informed that there would be some delay in submitting the results of the election as there were a number of alterations in the personnel of the Council.

Thereupon the President said:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I am told that it will take another half an hour or so for the scrutineers to submit their report on the final results of the election. Therefore, I would request you to wait until it is over. The meeting is adjourned for a brief spell and members may fill the time going over the exhibits kept in the library for their inspection.

I have also to announce that an Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Society will be held immediately after the termination of the Annual Meeting at which the Annual Report may be discussed by members and questions asked if they so desired.

There was a delay of about one and half hour before the scrutineers submitted their Report.

8. The President for 1954, on receipt of the election Report addressed the members in the following words:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

Having received the Report of the scrutineers I now announce the results of the Council election. Under the rules I am pleased to declare the following gentlemen duly elected as Office-bearers and Members of the Council for 1955-56:

President

Dr. D. M. Bose, M.A., Ph.D., F.N.I.

Vice-Presidents

Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji, M.A., D.Lit., F.A.S., M.L.C.

Dr. S. K. Mitra, D.Sc., F.N.I., F.A.S.

Dr. S. L. Hora, D.Sc., F.Z.S., F.R.S.E., F.N.I., F.A.S.

Dr. U. N. Ghoshal, M.A., Ph.D., F.A.S.

Secretaries and Treasurer

General Secretary :—Dr. Makhanlal Roychoudhury, M.A., LL.B., D.Litt., Sastri.

Treasurer :—Mr. Nirmalkumar Sen, M.A., LL.B

Philological Secretary :—Dr. Sukumar Sen, M.A., Ph.D., F.A.S.

Jt. Phil. Secretary :—Mr. Hira Lall Chopra, M.A.

Nat. Hist. Secy. (Physical Science) :—Prof. S. N. Bose, M.Sc., F.N.I., F.A.S.

Nat. Hist. Secy. (Biology) :—Dr. H. K. Mookerjee, D.Sc., D.I.C., F.N.I.

Anthropological Secretary :—Prof. K. P. Chattopadhyaya, M.Sc., M.L.C.

Historical and Archæological Secretary :—Dr. J. N. Banerjee, M.A., Ph.D., F.A.S.

Medical Secretary :—Dr. A. C. Ukil, M.B., M.S.P.E., F.S.M.F.B., F.N.I., F.A.S.

Library Secretary :—Dr. (Mrs.) Roma Chaudhuri, M.A., D.Phil., F.A.S.

Publication Secretary:—Dr. P. C. Gupta, M.A., Ph.D.

Members of Council

Mr. S. Banerjee, M.A., C.I.E., I.C.S.

Mr. U. P. Mookerjee, M.A., LL.B.

Mr. P. C. Chunder, M.A., LL.B.

Mr. N. C. Bhattacharyya, M.A., LL.B., M.L.C.

(**Note.**—114 votes were recorded in all; one vote having been rejected as invalid. Dr. Sukumar Sen and Dr. R. C. Hazra tied for the office of Philological Secretary. Therefore a lot was taken and drawn by Mr. P. Singh in favour of the former.)

9. The retiring President then requested the newly elected President for 1955-56, Dr. D. M. Bose, to take the Chair and preside over the meeting for conducting the remaining portion of the agenda.

After occupying the Chair the incoming President addressed the gathering, and thanked them for electing him as President for the new term.

10. The President for 1955-56 concluded by saying:

In future unless the members are prepared to work more in harmony, with a definite unity of purpose and a spirit of co-operation, I am afraid the work of the Asiatic Society would become impossible and its status which was already at a rather low level would further deteriorate. I am sure none of the members of the Society would welcome such a possibility.

After thanking the members and the retiring members of the Council for 1954-55 he declared the Annual Meeting dissolved, and invited the members to assemble for the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting for February, 1955.

APPENDIX I

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT DR. SUNITI KUMAR CHATTERJI ON THE OCCASION OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASIATIC SOCIETY, MONDAY, THE 7TH FEBRUARY, 1955.

FELLOW MEMBERS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

The Asiatic Society has added one more year to its career since we last met at the Annual Meeting of 1954, and it has completed 170 years of its long and useful existence. The Society represents, for the *intelligentsia* of our country in general and for its members in particular, both a precious inheritance and a sacred liability. The ideals of the Society, and carrying them out in practice, involve for us a two-fold duty—a duty of preserving whatever we have received by way of knowledge as well as relics of the past which have come down to us, and at the same time extending the horizon of this knowledge, and in gathering fresh materials and conserving them: in ancient Indian parlance, it is both *Yoga* or addition and *Kshema* or conservation. The Asiatic Society as an institution is one of the most significant and valuable gifts we have received from the Science and Humanity of the West. Conceived in the spirit of curiosity which is one of the most characteristic qualities of civilised mentality, a curiosity which has been one of the greatest gifts of Ancient Greece to mankind, the Society has been nurtured in an atmosphere of Freedom of the Intellect and of Intellectual Co-operation among members of the different nations, a veritable embodiment of a Republic of Letters.

In carrying on the work of the Society, we are to find the wherewithal in two of its functions—getting together the necessary intellectual material and apparatus which form the fundamental requirement of a modern scientific institution, and, what is also vitally important, providing for the necessary sinews of war for bringing to the service of mankind the intellectual resources which the institution is to foster and utilise and present before the scholarly world. Although there have appeared from time to time certain symptoms in our intellectual constitution which fill us with a considerable amount of uneasiness, about which I as President of the Asiatic Society made some reference in the course of my address last year—namely, the ultra-nationalistic attitude, an attitude which is uninformed, and blind and unreasoning, which seems to foster a spirit of exclusiveness and withdrawal from the wider international and all-inclusive implications of science and the humanities—on the whole our intellectual life is still sound, and there is no evidence of any decay; and provided we in our schools and universities can train up the younger generations of Indian *intelligentsia* to appreciate the responsibilities of a Free India marching forward hand in hand with the other nations of the world along the path of intellectual advancement, and to understand the suicidal policy and futility of seeking to retire within the shell of a so-called "Indian attitude" towards scientific and humanistic research, we shall not have anything to fear for the future, and we shall be assured that knowledge will grow from more and more as the years and decades and centuries pass.

Apart from this ultra-nationalistic bent which is manifesting itself in certain quarters, to the detriment of a proper scientific attitude towards history and culture, there is another factor which is making us equally apprehensive for the future of Indian scholarship. It is the persistent deterioration of the standard of education in our universities; and this seems to go hand in hand with the neglect of English. The education that has led to the present mental attitude of the Indian *intelligentsia* at its best, inspite of its deficiencies, has been, on the whole, a very good thing for the intellectual renaissance of India. It accepted with fervour, in the initial stages, the thought and attitude of Europe; but, with the necessary ballast from the Indian side, the ideal which became accepted in modern Indian Education was the retention of the best that we have in our past culture as symbolised by Sanskrit, combined with the frank acceptance of the best that is in the new learning which is symbolised by our acquaintance with English and with the physical sciences as well as the philisophy of the West. A thing which on the whole has proved to be suitable for us and has been productive of great things should not be lightly thrown aside. This attitude, *viz.,* of acceptance as well as conservation, has given the tone to our present-day Indian culture. At the present moment, however, all over India the old bases of our education are undergoing a considerable amount of criticism, and as a result of this, some slight amount of transformation. New methods are at a pre-

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mium everywhere, and the old system is frequently quite thoughtlessly discounted. We should be circumspect in this matter. The good, honest and solid education in the old traditional way that developed in the Indian colleges and universities before these began to be swamped by a large army of young men thoroughly unsuited for higher university education, who were enabled to acquire the minimum qualification for admission into the universities because of the lowering of standards both in teaching and examination, should once again be revived. For this the standard of examinations in our schools and universities should once again be raised, and the mischief that is gradually eating into the very system of our education for the last two generations and undermining the intellectual life of the community, may in this way be considerably mitigated even in one generation. This is of course a matter for the universities and for the educationists to take up. But as the Society is pledged to the ideal of maintaining standards of high efficiency in research in both science and the humanities. it is equally innterested as the universities in this matter. There is a growing dissatisfaction everywhere against the present conditions, but the right procedure in this matter is not being adopted. Insistence upon high standards in intellectual equipment which would compare favourably with the most advanced countries of the world can alone ensure a general striving towards it, and in this way the health of our intellectual life can be normally restored. It is nearly a hundred years since we have taken to modern studies through English seriously, particularly after the foundation of the three premier Universities of Calcutta, Bombay and Madras. The country has a tradition of learning which goes back to very early times, and the evils which have been accumulating for the last two or three generations in Indian education have not, as yet, been able to destroy the intellectual eminence of the advanced scholars among our people as a whole. The intellectual resources which are to be pooled in the Society, we flatter ourselves, do not appear as yet to have exhausted themselves, and we can continue to draw upon this with as enduring a result as before.

But we are, as the situation particularly during the last year has brought it home to us, very differently placed with regard to the material resources with which we are to carry on the work of the Society. It is not necessary for me to go into the details in this connection. Suffice it to say that we are carrying on our work at a deficit, and this deficit is quite large—it is to the extent of over Rs. 42,000 a year, if we are not in receipt of the Government grants. Our Society is a scientific body, it is not a money-making concern, and it is by its historical status and its achievements one of the institutions which are the custodians of the intellectual advancement of the Indian people—as an International Institution, not only of the Indian people but also of the whole of humanity in so far as members of outside nations are interested in the subjects in which the Society is specialising or giving greater attention to. As such, the State and the Public in general have got a certain duty towards the Society—a duty which we members of the Society have to admit with sorrow they have not been sufficiently alive to.

From a statement of our accounts it would be seen that our expenses come up to Rs. 1,05,350 approximately and our receipts to Rs. 98,000 inclusive of an expected Government of India grant of Rs. 35,000. There is a considerable amount of personal interest and individual sympathy from members of the relevant administrative departments, both in Calcutta and in New Delhi. But the administration as an institution and as a machine is usually lacking in sympathy, in human feeling and in appreciation, and we are consequently suffering from what we cannot but look upon as neglect, which is the result of not considering the matter from a wider National and International as well as human standpoint. When an institution is running at a loss, and when most of its resources seem to become more or less strained and even tending to dry up, we can only look up to the State as the *fons et origo* of national welfare to be actively sympathetic. We have tried our best to bring about a balance in our receipts and expenditures. Attempts at economy are not bound to be popular anywhere, particularly among those who would themselves be affected first. We have diverse prescriptions for the removal of our ills, and we are in the dark about the results of any new move we might make to square up our finances by introducing new measures—measures which do not suggest themselves as being immediately productive, and where we shall have to feed ourselves on hopes for some time. Frequently it happens that the legalistic mentality prevents a broader aspect being taken of any particular matter, and this legalistic spirit is present both within the Society and within the State administrations as well. This year we have not been able to present a complete budget for the year, and the contributions from the Government of India for the financial year 1954-1955 have remained unpaid. Where we must have an enhanced grant from the State Departments, we may have to be faced with reduction and even with indefinite withholding of it. Unless the Government of both West Bengal and of the Centre come to our rescue and make adequate contributions, we shall be seriously handicapped in our work, and we shall be forced to curtail a good deal of it, continuing, with difficulty, just the formal maintenance of the Society. I wish to take this occasion to make a fervent appeal to the Government of West Bengal and to the Education Ministry in Delhi to look at the Society in a proper spirit of fostering a cultural and scientific institution which has been upholding the name and reputation of India in both Science and Letters for over a century and a half: particularly when the Government in the Centre has been showing itself to be specially inclined to promote the advancement of India in the Arts and Sciences by sponsoring and spending generously over the newly established National Academies of the Sciences, of Literature and of the Arts, including Drama and Dancing.

The normal work of the Society has been proceeding, and we have reason to feel quite satisfied with the result achieved, although we would have been happier if our activities could obtain an expansion. With all living institutions, stagnation is death and expansion alone is life. We have in the course of the year published or are about to publish the following works: —*Prakṛta-Kalapataru* of Rama Tarkavagisa, an important work on Prakrit grammar, edited by Dr. Manomohan Ghosh ; *Catalogue of Sanskrit MSS., Vol. XV, Miscellaneous,* by Professor Chintaharan Chakravarti *Kauthuma Gṛahya Sutra,* edited by Dr. Surya Kanta; *Nagananda of Sri Harsa,* in both Sanskrit and Tibetan, edited by M. M. Pandit Vidhusekhara Sastri ; *Bibliographical Supplement to the Society's Journal* (*Letters*), by Sri Sivadas Chaudhuri, and the monograph on Raghunandana's *Indebtedness to his Predecessors,* by Mr. Bhavatosh Bhattacharya, Besides the above, there are twelve more works in the press, and we have received two more works in a form ready for the press. Our *Journal* in its two sections of Letters and Science unfortunately has remained in arrears so far as the last number of each is concerned; these are expected to be up-to-date within this month. In our *Journal* we have however published a number of valuable papers and monographs in both the sections. In the course of the year in addition to reading of papers and communications in the Monthly General Meetings, there were 11 General Public Lectures which were addressed by a number of prominent intellectuals from abroad and from India itself.

Our medals we are awarding this year, as usual on expert advice, to some of the most eminent scientists and scholars both in India and abroad, and the recipients for this year are: (1) Professor G. H. R. von Koeningswald of the University of Utrecht in Holland, the Annandale Memorial Medal for Anthropology; (2) Dr. Devavrata Chatterjee of the Kew Gardens, London, the P. J. Bruhl Memorial Medal for Botany; (3) Dr. A. M. Heron, the Pramathanath Basu Memorial Medal for Geology; and (4) Mr. M. Visvesvariya, the Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial Medal for outstanding contribution in Science and Industry. We have also elected the nonagenarian scholar of Bengal, Mr. Jogeshchandra Roy, Vidyanidhi of Bankura, an Honorary Fellow of the Society. The general body of members, I am very happy to note, have latterly evinced a very keen interest in the affairs of the Society; and the members of the Council or Executive Body as well as of the various committees and sub-committees have shown proper and zeal in the carrying on of the duties they have so kindly taken up in running the Society.

The Asiatic Society stands for a great ideal, which is great for any country, any people and any age. It has placed before itself the ideal of enhancing the bounds of human knowledge—to investigate both Nature and Man, following the words of its illustrious founder, whatever is produced by Nature and whatever has been performed by Man, within the bounds of Asia. Its inclusiveness of the Sciences, both Physical and Human, and of Letters and Philosophy, cannot but be all-embracing for any level of learning. This is the ideal which we should always keep in front of us, to illumine our path and to guide us in our work. Our country and people through the forces of circumstances and history have built up a characteristic *Weltanschauung* or attitude to life, and that naturally will affect or colour its approach to things. We have in the world a number of very noteworthy attitudes which have been built up by various peoples who have contributed to the development of civilisation as a whole; and other attitudes of peoples who are now looked upon as backward may ultimately, when properly formulated and properly understood and appreciated, also help to bring about a further enrichment of our human heritage. A particular nation lays stress on some particular way of life or of looking at life, and this in general is nothing very exclusive, very much restricted for that particular people only. All other nations also share more or less in this particular attitude which might become associated with that single people. Take, for example, the case of *Hellenism*. Hellenism is a special mentality which insists upon, in the first instance, a purely Intellectual approach to all things and problems; it takes note of Beauty in all things; it believes in Moderation and not in excess in any matter; it pins its faith on Freedom and Democracy; and at the same time it has a full appreciation of the Mystic Side of Life,—an Aspiration for the Realisation of the Ultimate Verity. These will always obtain support of generous and cultured spirits everywhere. But the sum-total of ideas like what we see in Hellenism is so named because the Hellenes or Greeks as a people laid special emphasis on them. So we have a *Hebraism* which developed among the Jews in which there was an insistence upon the Absolute Unity of the God-head, combined with a Sense of Sin which takes man away from God, and with the faith that man can only return to God through Repentence and Atonement. This is more on the theological and spiritual rather than on the intellectual and social side. The Chinese attitude may be characterised as being that of Confucius, in which God and the Ultimate Reality are given a recognition, but this attitude concerns itself primarily with the creation of the good citizen and the fostering of the man of culture and decorum more than anything else. Scholars in India and outside India have also tried to define an *Indianism* or Indian attitude; and there is a general consensus of opinion that the *Indianism* or the Indian attitude consists, among other things, of the following. There is in it primarily a Feeling or a Sense of an Ultimate Reality, the nature of which can be established by reason or realised by faith, and in the formulation of this Ultimate Reality the greatest amount of Individual Freedom of Opinion an Experience is permitted. It is, according to *Indianism*, the highest aim of man to have a Perception or Direct Experience of this Reality, and various approaches to this Reality are permitted, whether through knowledge or through faith or through good works or through self-discipline or through any other permissible means. The life of man is inhibited by Sorrows and Sufferings, and it should be the first aim of a philosophical system to try to remove these sorrows and sufferings. There is also in Indianism a Sense of the Sacredness of All Life, and this leads to the negative doctrine of *Ahiṁsā* or Non-injury and the positive doctrine of *Karuṇā* or Charity and Love and *Maitrī* or Active Good-doing. There are certain philosophical notions like that of *Karma* or one's own action being responsible for one's fate in life, and *Saṁsāra* or cycle of transmigrations for the soul, but these are philosophical ideas which are not obligatory for all to accept. In this way we can have the quintessence of the Indian philosophical and religio-social attitude in what may be formulated as *Indianism.*

Indianism also takes its stand on the idea that the diverse aspects of Life and Science and the Arts are related to each other as parts of one single Essential Being, and it is the great aim and object of human thought and discipline to realise this Essential Unity. We can only endeavour to look at Truth whether in physical science or in the experience of man as something which embraces the entirely of existence. "Unity in Diversity" represents the Indian point of view—an idea which we find in one of its material aspects in the motto of the United States of America as well—*E pluribus Unum* (One, out of Many), and in the socio-political aspect in the Indonesian national motto *Bhinneka Tunggol Ika* (Diverse Things have a Basic Unity). This Indianism can naturally be expected to supply the background to us for all our cultural and humanistic endeavour, such as for which the Asiatic Society, for instance, stands.

Our Indianism, with its basic spirit of all-inclusiveness, is in harmony with the universal elements in other faiths and cultures which came to India, like Mazdayasnism or Zoroastrianism, Islam or Muhammadanism, and Christianity with its European background. As a matter of fact, Indianism has profited in recent centuries by its contact with *Tasawwuf* or Islamic Mysticism, and with the Christian spirit of the Service of Man.

Our history in India, as a mixed people which originated through the fusion of Austric and Sino-Tibetan and Dravidian and Aryan elements, all of which were welded together into the present day *Indian Man,* is largely responsible for this attitude which can be formulated as our Indianism. Out of diverse elements has developed in India a culture of which the vehicle and expression is the Sanskrit language, an Aryan language which developed in a Dravidian and Austric and Sino-Tibetan atmosphere, which has enabled various peoples to bring their contributions and to make for a Great Unity, while allowing perfect freedom and possibility of self-expression in a chosen line to all. Thus, in the sphere of language: although our Indian languages belong to four distinct linguistic groups—Austric, Sino-Tibetan, Dravidian and Indo-European—over 3,000 years of mutual influencing among these different speeches has resulted in a common Indian type of speech, which finds its expression in certain matters which characterise at the present day the languages of all the above four families. Inspite of all their initial diversity, they have converged towards a common platform in which lies their essential Indianness. In this way, in our social life and in the various expressions of our culture as it is based on our economy, a general converging towards One Common Indian Type is noticeable. This attitude when it is supported and cultivated and fostered throughout the whole of humanity can ultimately lead to a Universal Type of Culture which certainly will be the goal of Humanity. In this Universal Type of Culture which certainly will be the goal of Humanity. In this Universal Type of Culture, we have to accept the position that the outward pattern or form of life must be that which has been developing in the Eur-American world. The tremendous achievements of the European and American peoples in material civilisation and in their control over Nature are something which the whole of Mankind has got to accept with both hands, including Man in India. But transcending and at the same time filling up the material aspects of life, in the thought-world the Eur-American way is bound to be supplemented or completed by the thought and experience of other elements of Mankind, like, for example, of China and India, and Indonesia and Iran, and of the Semitic and African worlds. In the great symphony of human culture, the music that is the creation of the African soul must also contribute its own colour and fragrance to a universal civilisation which is being woven up with strands contributed by all peoples.

The Asiatic Society along with some other organisations which want to study, in a spirit of disinterested scientific appreciation, whatever Man has done to realise himself, has certainly helped to bring in this attitude to the modern world. In this way, the Society has done a signal service to Humanity, and its great founder Sir William Jones was, and all other great humanists before and after him were, more or less fully conscious about it. At the present day, as citizens of the great country which has given to the modern world thought-leaders like Ram Mohun Roy, Ramakrishna Paramahaṁsa, Swami Vivekananda, Rabindranath Tagore, Aurovinda Ghosh, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi and Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, we should be fully alive to the high ideals for which the Society stands, and with the background of our Indianism try to preserve those ideals and to develop them for the Service of Man, and the Glory of our Motherland.

Fellow members, today I am laying down my presidentship of the Society, which, with your co-operation, it has been my great privilege to hold, and thus to try to carry on the work of the Society, for the past two years. I am only too conscious of my many limitations, and I feel also sad at the thought that it was not given to me to serve the Society as much as both you and myself would have liked. But I can look back to two sessions of disinterested and sincere labour; and I can hope that under the guidance of my successor and of the new Council, the Society will continue in its career of usefulness in both Science and the Humanities; and it will be able to tide over the financial and other difficulties which have been, let us hope, only a temporary handicap in its work, and which will be removed both by the exertions of its members, and by the support of the public and the State.

APPENDIX II

ANNUAL REPORT

The Council of the Asiatic Society have the honour to submit the following Report on the work of the Society during the year ending 31st December, 1954 :

PATRON

Dr. H. C. Mookerjee, Governor of West Bengal, very kindly continued to be the Patron as in the years 1952 and 1953.

MEMBERSHIP

Honorary Fellows

Sri Jogeschandra Roy, M.A., Vidyanidhi, was elected an Honorary Fellow in November, 1954. This brings the number of Honorary Fellows to 9.

Ordinary Fellows

At the Annual General Meeting held on the 1st February, 1954, Professor Satyendranath Bose was elected an Ordinary Fellow. As Sir Lewis Fermor, Sir Cyril Fox and Professor K.N. Bahl, three Ordinary Fellows, died during the year, the number of Fellows became reduced to 47 from 49.

Special Anniversary Honorary Members

As in the previous year the number of such members remained 9.

Institutional Members

The number of Institutional Members stood at 20. The application for Institutional Membership submitted by the University Library of Rangoon was approved by the Council and by the General Body of Members.

Associate Members

The strength of such membership stood at 5.

Ordinary Members

Gains		*Losses*	
Elections carried forward ..	4	Deaths	5
		Resignations	20
New Elections	31	Removal under *Rule 31* ..	3
		Removal under *Rule 32* ..	26
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Initial total according to last year's Report was 880; the losses were 19 during the year under Report; hence final total should have been 861, on the basis of figures reported in the previous years. But the actual number as verified up to the end of December 1954 stood at 681. Obviously the figures in some of the previous years were wrongly reported.

As per Appendix II in which the Membership Statistics for the last 50 years are being shown, the total number of paying members inclusive of 28 absentee members and 98 Life members ought to be 861. But actually in the Ledger of Members maintained by the Accountant, there are only 583 names excluding the 98 Life members: thus there is a discrepancy of 180. The discrepancy is due to the following causes:

(1) The number of absentee members had always been counted twice as the names of the absentee members were incorporated in the ordinary membership list printed in the Year-Book of the Society.

(2) Figures of removals noted by the Accountant were not duly taken notice of at the time of preparation of the membership statistics for the years prior to 1953.

These necessary corrections have been made in Appendix II to this Report giving a statement of membership of the Society.

It will be further seen from the *'Losses'* referred to above that the Asiatic Society became too poorer on account of the death of 5 members, 3 of whom were also long-standing members and Fellows of the Society. By the death of Sir Lewis Fermor and Sir Cyril Fox, the Society lost two great scientists who were connected with its activities scientific and otherwise for a long time. Both of them occupied the post of the President and their able guidance enabled the Society to achieve greater and greater progress. Justice Mr. A. N. Sen and Mr. N. N. Ghatak were two other members whose connection with the Society started many years ago. By the death of Professor K. N. Bahl researches in the field of Zoology have received a set-back in the subjects in which he had specialised.

Membership Statistics

In Appendix II a statistical account showing the variation in the roll strength for the last 50 years has been given.

COUNCIL

The Council met 13 times and the average attendance was 13 as against 12 of the last year. Professor J. M. Sen and Dr. K. N. Bagchi carried on the duties of the General Secretary and Honorary Treasurer during the year except for very short periods during which Mr. N. K. Sen acted as the General Secretary and Dr. S. L. Hora and Mr. Banerjee acted as the Honorary Treasurer. The President Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji was out of India from 25th July to 2nd September on a visit to West Africa (Gold Coast, Nigeria and Liberia), France and England, and from 25th October to 7th November when he went to Indonesia and Siam. He was a member of the Delegation from the Government of India at the International Congress of Orientalists held at Cambridge in August, and he represented the Government of India at the Indonesian Language Congress called by the Government of Indonesia at Medan in Sumatra from 28th October to 3rd November.

A brief summary of the important decisions of the Council, month by month, beginning with January 1954, is given below:

At the meeting of the Council held on the 18th January 1954 the name of Professor Satyendranath Bose for being ballotted for in the usual way in the Annual General Meeting as an Ordinary Fellow was approved as per recommendation of the meeting of Fellows held on the second Monday of January. The Draft Annual Report was approved with some modifications suggested by different members, and other routine matters were attended to. It was also decided to make a contribution of Rs. 600 out of the funds of the Society for the restoration of the tomb of our illustrious founder Sir William Jones, in the South Park Street Cemetry, Calcutta.

At the Council meeting of the 15th February, 1954 the various committees as shown in Appendix I were formed, and the preliminary recommendations of the Special Committee appointed to examine the financial position of the Society with a view to suggest ways and means for augmenting the income and reducing the expenditure were considered,

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and it was decided that possibilities of increasing income through lease of hoarding rights were to be explored and other new sources of income might be considered also. The question of expiry of the lease of 1/1, Park Street during the year was gone into and the General Secretary was authorised to take action according to legal advice.

At the meeting of the Council held on the 18th March, 1954, Dr. Sukumar Sen was nominated to serve on the Sarojini Basu Gold Medal Award Committee constituted by the University of Calcutta for the year 1954, and the post of an additional Secretary, *viz.*, the Publication Secretary, was created and it was decided that Dr. P. C. Gupta should be asked to work in that capacity.

At the meeting of the Council held on the 15th April, 1954 the tenure of the Sir William Jones Research Fellowship held by Mr. Ajitranjan Bhattacharyya was extended for one year with effect from 1st March, 1954. It was also decided that steps were to be taken to hold a symposium in connection with the celebration of the 700th Anniversary of the birth of Marco Polo.

At the meeting of the Council held on the 24th May, 1954, Dr. P. C. Gupta was nominated to serve on the Special Committee constituted by the University of Calcutta for appointment to the Raghunath Prasad Nopani Lectureship, and the tenure of the Rajendralala Mitra Research Fellowship held by Miss Sudhamayee Sengupta was extended for a year with effect from the 1st June, 1954. Further, Dr. Sukumar Sen was nominated to represent the Asiatic Society on the Special Committee formed by the University of Calcutta or selection of a scholar for appointment as Rai Bahadur Motilal Halwasiya Lecturer.

At the meeting of the Council held on the 24th June, 1954, only routine matters were attended to.

At the meeting of the Council held on the 16th July the most important item on which a decision was taken was about the reorganisation of the general office and the library staff of the Society in pursuance of the recommendations of the Special Committee.

A Special Committee was formed comprising the following members to devise ways and means for augmenting the income of the Society and for reducing expenditure with a view to improving the financial position of the Society: (1) Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji, *President*; (2) Mr. J. M. Sen, *General Secretary*; (3) Dr. K. N. Bagchi, *Treasurer* ; (4) Mr. L. P. Misra; (5) Mr. Syed Ashfaque Husain and (6) Justice Mr. R. P. Mookerjee, Later Mr. S. Banerjee and Mr. Sudhansumohan Banerjee were also invited to participate in the deliberations of the committee. The committee met several times and made several recommendations which were first considered at a Special Meeting of the Library Committee held on the 30th June, 1954. Then at a Special Meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 7th July the recommendations of the Special Committee together with the recommendations of the Library Committee were considered. The recommendations of the Special Meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 7th July were further examined at the usual meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 9th July, 1954. The recommendations of the Finance Committee meeting, dated 9th July, 1954 were considered by the Council at the meeting held on the 16th July. The Council resolved further that the same were to be placed before the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting to be held on the 2nd August, 1954. In pursuance of that decision the matter was placed before the general body of members who held discussions in that connection in three successive meetings on the 2nd August, 6th September and 20th September, 1954. At the general meeting held on the 20th September it was resolved :

> " This General Meeting requests the Council to reconsider their decisions about reorganisation of the general office and the library in the light of the discussions held at the General Meeting on the 2nd August, 6th September and 20th September, 1954".

At the meeting of the Council held on the 23rd August, 1954, Dr. M. N. Saha, Dr. S. L. Hora, Dr. D. M. Bose, Dr. K. N. Bagchi, Dr. A. C. Ukil, Dr. U. P. Basu, Sri J. M. Sen, Dr, J. L. Bhaduri, Dr. H. K. Mookerjee and Dr. K. P. Biswas were nominated to represent the Asiatic Society at the ensuing session of the Indian Science Congress Association to be held at Baroda.

At the meeting of the Council held on the 17th September, 1954, Dr. R. K. Mookerjee, Dr. U. N. Ghoshal, Dr. J. N. Banerjee, Dr. N. P. Chakravarty, Dr. R. C. Majumdar, Dr. Surendranath Sen, Dr. P. C. Gupta, Dr. Sukumar Sen, Dr. C. C. Das Gupta, Sri Chhotelal Jain and Mr. S. K. Saraswati were nominated to represent the Society at the 17th Session of the Indian History Congress to be held at Ahmedabad on the 27th to 29th December, 1954. At the same meeting the name of Mr. Jogeschandra Roy, M.A., Vidyanidhi was approved for election as an Honorary Fellow at the meeting to be held in November, 1954.

At the meeting of the Council held on the 11th November, 1954, Dr. D. M. Bose and Dr. B. S. Guha were nominated to serve on the Council of the National Institute of the Sciences of India as an Additional

Vice-President and Additional Member respectively; and Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji was requested to represent the Society at the celebrations to be held in connection with the 150th year of the foundation of the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society. The Institutional Membership of the Rangoon University Library was also approved. As per recommendations of the Medal Advisory Boards concerned, it was decided to award the medals noted below at the Annual Meeting to be held on the 7th February, 1955 to the scholars named against each medal:—(1) The Annandale Memorial Medal—Dr. G. H. R. von Koeingswald of the Utrecht University, (2) The Paul Johannes Brühl Memorial Medal—Dr. Devavrata Chatterjee, (3) The Pramathanath Bose Memorial Medal—Dr. A. M. Heron; and (4) The Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial Gold Medal—Mr. M. Visvesvaraiya.

The Council further prepared the panels of names for election as the Office-bearers and other members of the Council for 1955-56 at the Annual General Meeting to be held on the 7th February, 1955.

Next the question of the expiry of the lease of 1/1, Park Street was considered and it was decided that the General Secretary was to take necessary steps about the termination of the lease after taking the advice of the Solicitors, Messrs. B. N. Basu & Co.

A Special Committee consisting of the following gentlemen was again constituted to consider the question of reorganisation of the general office and library in the light of the discussions held at the Ordinary Monthly General Meetings held on the 2nd August, 6th September and 20th September, 1954 ; The President, the General Secretary, the Treasurer, Justice Mr. R. P. Mookerjee, Dr. B. S. Guha, Dr. A. C. Ukil and Mr. N. C. Bhattacharyya.

At the Special Meeting of the Council held on the 25th November, 1954, the Budget Estimates for 1955 were approved, and the following members were added to the Special Committee formed on the 11th November, to consider the question of reorganisation of the general office and the library of the Society : (1) Mr. S. Banerjee, (2) Dr. S. L. Hora, and (3) Professor K. P. Chattopadhyaya.

At the meeting of the Council held on the 17th December, 1954, it was decided that the Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on the 6th December, 1954 was valid as a quorum was present in spite of short notice to. the members. The addition of the name of Mr. Sisirkumar Mitra, Lecturer, Sanskrit Colllege to the list of representatives approved by the Council for attending the Indian History Congress to be held at Ahmedabad was approved.

It is intended to incorporate more detailed abstracts of the Council Proceedings in the Year-Book for 1954.

Committees of the Council

The four Standing Committees of the Council, *viz.*, the Finance, the Publication, the Bibliotheca Indica and the Library, met regularly except in the recess month of October and made recommendations to the Council regarding the various matters which cropped up during the year. The Scientific and Cultural Advisory Committees met four times during the year and made valuable suggestions which were duly considered by the Council.

Lists of members of the Council, Standing Committees, Special Committees and Medal Advisory Boards for 1954 are printed at the end of the Report.

SOCIETY'S REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

(1) *Indian Museum*—Dr. U. N. Ghoshal was nominated as the representative of the Society on the Board of Trustees of the Indian Museum in place of Sri K. P. Khaitan whose term had expired.

(2) *National Institute of the Sciences of India*—The Society's representatives to serve as an Additional Vice-President and an Additional Member respectively on the Council of the National Institute of the Sciences of India for the year 1954 were Dr. H. K. Mookerjee and Dr. U. P. Basu.

(3) *Indian Historical Records Commission*—Dr. U. N. Ghoshal continued to be the representative of the Society on the Commission during the year under report.

(4) *The Central Advisory Board of Archæology*—The representative of the Society on the Board was Dr. U. N. Ghoshal as during the previous year.

(5) *Indian History Congress*—The Council nominated Dr. N. P. Chakravarti, Dr. R. K. Mookerjee, Dr. R. C. Majumdar, Dr. U. N. Ghoshal, Dr. J. N. Banerjee, Dr. Surendranath Sen, Dr. Sukumar Sen, Dr. P. C. Gupta, Dr. C. C. Das Gupta, Mr. Chhotelal Jain, Mr. S. K. Saraswati and Mr. Sisirkumar Mitra to represent the Society at the 17th Session of the Congress held at Ahmedabad.

(6) *Indian Science Congress*—The Council selected Dr. M. N. Saha, Dr. S. L. Hora, Dr. D. M. Bose, Prof. J. M. Sen, Dr. J. L. Bhaduri, Dr. K. N. Bagchi, Dr. A. C. Ukil, Dr. U. P. Basu, Dr. H. K. Mookerjee and Dr. K. P. Biswas to serve as representatives of the Asiatic Society at the session of the Indian Science Congress held at Baroda in January, 1955.

(7) Dr. Sukumar Sen was selected to represent the Society on the Special Committee appointed by University of Calcutta for the award of the Sarojini Basu Medal for original research in Bengali Language and Literature.

(8) Dr. P. C. Gupta was nominated to serve on the Special Committee constituted by University of Calcutta for selection of a scholar for appointment as the Raghunath Prasad Nopani Lecturer for encouragement of research work regarding the history and culture of Rajasthan.

(9) Dr. Sukumar Sen was requested to serve as the representative of the Asiatic Society on the Special Committee appointed by University of Calcutta for the selection of a scholar as Rai Bahadur Motilal Halwasiya Lecturer on some suitable topic bearing on the language, literature, history and culture of Rajasthan.

FOREIGN DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS

A Chinese Cultural Delegation headed by Mr. Ting Si-lin paid a visit to the Asiatic Society on the 7th January, 1954, and the members of the Delegation showed a keen interest about the work of the Asiatic Society.

On the 13th January, 1954, Dr. Luther H. Evans, Director General of UNESCO accompained by Sir Roland Adams, *Chairman,* Executive Board, UNESCO and Dr. R. Naidu paid a visit to the Society and were received at an afternoon party.

On th 19th January, 1954, a tea party was arranged to meet the distinguished Foreign Scientists who came to attend the Indian Science Congress of the year. On this occasion Academician G. F. Alexandrov and his colleagues from the USSR. Dr. A. M. Bateman of U.S.A. and Dr. W. E. S. Turner of the United Kingdom were shown the library and some of the rare and unique collections of the Society.

On the 25th January, 1954 Mr. J. H. Abd el-Rahman, a representative of the University of Cairo paid a visit to the Society. He was interested in our collection of Arabic and Persian manuscripts some of which he inspected.

On the 15th February, 1954 Professor Julian Huxley and Mrs. Huxley visited the Society.

On the 17th of the same month the Afghan Cultural Delegation headed by His Excellency Dr. Ali Ahmed Popal Khan paid a visit to the Society and the members of the delegation were specially interested in the Arabic and Persian Mss. in the library of the Society.

On the 12th March, 1954 Dr. Arthur Compton, Nobel Laureate in Physics, Dr. E. R. Clinchy and Dr. W. A. Shinner were entertained at a tea party, and Dr. Compton and Dr. Clinchy gave two public lectures at the Society.

A Ceylonese Parliamentary Delegation headed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ceylon, visited the Society and the members of the Delegation were particularly interested in the collection of manuscripts relating to Buddhism.

AWARDS

ELLIOT PRIZE—It was not possible for the Society to award this prize during 1954 because the Government of West Bengal, on account of certain technical difficulties with Pakistan Government, could not communicate any order authorising the Society to draw the interest of the invested fund which is in the custody of the Accountant-General, West Bengal.

ANNANDALE MEMORIAL MEDAL—On the recommendation of the Medal Advisory Board, the Council decided to award the medal to Professor G. H. R. von Koeningswald of the University of Utrecht for his outstanding researches in Anthropolgy.

PAUL JOHANNES BRÜHL MEMORIAL MEDAL—The Council accepted the recommendation of the Medal Advisory Board about awarding the medal to Dr. Devavrata Chatterjee because of his original researches in Botany.

PRAMATHANATH BOSE MEMORIAL MEDAL—As per recommendation of the Medal Advisory Board concerned, the Council decided to award the medal to Dr. A. M. Heron for his valuable contributions towards our knowledge of Geology of India, particularly Rajasthan.

DURGA PRASAD KHAITAN MEMORIAL GOLD MEDAL—In pursuance of the recommendation of the Medal Advisory Board, the Council decided that the medal was to be awarded to the veteran pioneer in industrialisation Mr. M. Visvesvaraiya for his most outstanding contributions in the realm of Science and Industry.

LIBRARY

The Library worked for 302 days.

Cataloguing: Printed Books

1. In the General Section the work of card cataloguing, introduced in 1949, was steadily pursued. During the year under review 2,210 volumes were catalogued. There remain about 35,000 volumes still to be catalogued.

In the Sanskritic Section cataloguing of Bengali books, and in the Islamic Section cataloguing of Arabic, Persian and Urdu books are to be taken up as early as possible. During the year under review hand-lists of printed books in the Sanskrit, Arabic, Persian and Urdu collections were compiled.

2. The question of printing subject-catalogues with full bibliographical information for all the printed works in the Society's Library was considered, and it was decided to take up the work when the necessary funds would be available.

Manuscripts

In the Sanskritic Section the preparation of a Descriptive Catalogue of the Indian Museum and Asiatic Society Collections of manuscripts, which commenced in 1947, was steadily carried on. There are about 15,000 manuscripts in the above two collections, of which (approx.) 2,750 manuscripts have been catalogued up to the year under review. The catalogue of manuscripts will be published in eleven volumes, and of these the first part of the volume on Philosophy (containing texts on *Saṁkhya, Yoga, Vaiśeshika, Nyāya, Navya-Nyāya*) was printed off. The second part of the same volume, a volume on *Grammar, Lexicon and Prosody,* and another volume on the *Dharma-śāstra* have been sent to the Press. The cataloguing of the volumes on (1) *Kāvya-Nāṭaka-Alaṁkāra* and (2) *Astronomy and Astrology* is being continued, of which the volume on *Kāvya-Nāṭaka-Alaṁkāra* is expected to be ready by the end of April, 1955.

1. The Council extended the period of service of Dr. P. Chakravarti, M.A., D.Litt. for another term of five years from the 1st January, 1955, for cataloguing the Sanskrit manuscripts.

2. Of the four remaining volumes of MM. Haraprasad Sastri's Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit manuscripts in the Government Collection, the printing of Vol. XII (*Philosophy*) and Vol. XIV (*Miscellaneous*) is nearly complete, while the printing of Vol. XII (*Jaina Manuscripts*) and the revision of Vol. XIII (*Āyurveda*) are in progress.

3. In the Perso-Arabic Section the cataloguing of undescribed Arabic manuscripts, which commenced in 1950, was steadily continued.

4. For the Sino-Tibetan and for the miscellaneous manuscripts, xylographs in Tibetan and printed books in Armenian, Burmese, Sinhalese, Pali, Japanese and Siamese, etc. the preparation of proper lists still remains to be done.

Copper-plates

An up-to-date revised catalogue of the copper-plates in the Society's Library is in preparation.

Accessions

Exclusive of periodicals, the total number of accessions in the Printed Division of the Library was 758 volumes during the year, as against 618 of 1953. Of these 193 volumes were purchased and the rest received as gifts. In the latter category mention should particularly be made of books presented by the Nava-Vidhān Brāhmo Samāj (Calcutta), the Ford Foundation, the Travancore University Manuscripts Library, and the Institut Danois des Echanges Internationaux des Publications Scientifiques et Literaires, and by Mr. Narendra Singh Singhi of Calcutta, and Dr. B. C. Law (the Dr. B. C. Law Collection).

The total number of issues of serial publications received during the year by exchange, gift and subscription was 3,573 as against 1,583 for the last year. The total amount spent on the purchase of books, including subscriptions to periodicals, was Rs. 4,463-1-6.

During the year 130 manuscripts were added to the Library as against 34 in 1953, 25 by purchase, and 105 by presentation, of which mention should particularly be made of some Pahlavi manuscripts and a collection of Sanskrit manuscripts belonging to the late Pandit Saradaprasad Bhattacharyya of Howrah presented by his son Mr. Bankimchandra Bhattacharyya.

Accession Lists

Twelve classified lists of new accessions to the Library were issued during the year along with the Monthly Meeting Notices.

Exchanges, Subscriptions, and Gifts

During the year 76 new serials, as against 8 on 1953, were approved for exchange, and 8 new serials, as against 6 in 1953, for subscription. Besides, 6 new serials were received as a gift from the Ford Foundation.

New exchanges were initiated during the year with Institutions in India, Japan, Syria, U.K., U.S.A., etc.

Bibliographical and Reference Services

The Society's Library met satisfactorily all demands made for bibliographical and reference services by the Government, Public Institutions and private persons.

A Bibliography on Indological Studies in 1953: Being an annual index of Indological articles published in the leading journals of the world, was compiled by Mr. S. Chaudhuri, Deputy Librarian. It is now in the Press.

Exhibitions and Visitors to the Library

Exhibitions bearing on varied assets of the Library were organised during the year, in connection with the Annual General Meeting of the Asiatic Society and on the occasion of the visits of the foreign delegates and distinguished persons, such as the Director-General of the UNESCO, the Ceylon Parliamentary Delegation, and the Head of the Libraries Division of the UNESCO.

Utilisation of the Library

1. During the year under review 2,194 printed volumes and 28 manuscripts were lent out, as against 1,948 printed volumes and 24 manuscripts in 1953.

2. The total number of readers in the Reading Rooms of the Library was 3,676 (it was 3,089 in 1953).

3. Scholars came to this Library from Japan, France, Hungary, West Germany, U.S.A., Egypt and Persia. Special facilities were extended to them as also to those who came from the different Universities of India, from the Government of India, and to other Research Scholars.

Improvement in the western-wing of the Reading Room has been effected by the addition of two fan points and one light point.

Re-organisation of the Library

During the year under review the work of re-organisation of the Library was taken up and the advice of Mr. B. S. Kesavan of the National Library was sought for. He submitted a report which is being taken into consideration for the re-organisation of the Society's Library.

Survey of Manuscript Libraries in Nepal

The Ministry of Education, Government of India, has accorded the sanction to a scheme for a survey of the Manuscripts Libraries in Nepal.

Photostats and Microfilms

A microfilm copy of the Society's manuscript of *Lalitamādhava Nāṭaka* (No. I. G. 8) and a photostat copy of the Bibliothèque Nationale (Paris) manuscript of the *Hayaśirṣa Pañcarātra* have been made for the Society's Library.

Microfilms Services

With the help of the Technician of the Calcutta Microfilm Service the Library met during the year a number of requests from institutions in India as well as abroad for microfilms and photostats of manuscripts and other material in its possession. The total number of exposures made in this connection was nearly 2,294, as against 5,159 in 1953. The opening of a Microfilms Section is being felt a great desideratum not only to meet such requests from outside but also to have copies prepared of our own treasures.

Binding and Preservation

The total number of books bound during the year was 240 (as against 443 in 1953). In view of a large number of old and rare books and manuscripts requiring special binding, the installation of a small bindery is under consideration. The modest scheme of preservation, including sterilisation, fumigation and lamination, was continued. Four fumigation chambers were fully worked, but lamination work has been handicapped through want of proper materials and through shortage of staff, and it was only the most urgent items that could be attended to. Old and rare manuscripts and printed books require strengthening, and lamination work in a Library of the type of the Society's has to be a regular feature in its day-to-day work. More than 40,000 volumes of books and manuscripts were specially cleaned and sterilised during the year, against 26,000 volumes in 1953, while vacuum cleaning of all shelves was undertaken.

Permanent Library Endowment Fund

The total amount now to the credit of the Fund is Rs. 23,567-3-8. The target at which the income of the Fund is to be made available for purposes of the Library is Rs. 30,000.

PUBLICATIONS

The Journal for 1954—Only *Letters* Part I and *Science* Part I were published during the year. The Year-Book for 1953 is not yet finally ready. Attempts are being made to expedite the printing of Part II of the *Letters* and *Science* issues for 1954 and the Year-Book for 1953.

Books published or nearly ready for publication in 1954

(1) *Prākṛta-Kalpataru* edited by Dr. M. M. Ghosh.

(2) *Nāgānanda* by Mahamahopadhyaya Vidhusekhara Sastri.

Books finally printed but not released for sale

(1) *Kauthauma-Gṛhya-Sūtra* by Dr. Surya Kanta.
(2) *Nāgānanda* by Mahamahopadhyaya Pandit Vidhusekhara Sastri.
(3) *Raghunandana's Indebtedness to his Predecessors* by Mr. Bhavatosh Bhattacharyya.

Books in the Press

(1) *Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Manuscripts* (Philosophy, Vol. XI), by Pandit N. C. Vedantatirtha.
(2) *Catalogue of Jaina Manuscripts* by Dr. Ajitranjan Bhattacharyya.
(3) *Catalogue of Rajasthani Manuscripts* by Dr. V. P. Trivedi, revised by Dr. Sukumar Sen.
(4) *Kiraṇāvalī* by Pandit N. C. Vendantatirtha.
(5) *Dānasāgara,* by Mr. Bhavatosh Bhattacharyya.
(6) *Aṣṭasāhasrikā Prajñāpāramitā,* English translation, by Dr. Edward Conze.
(7) *Vidhāna-pārijāta* (5th Stabaka) by Pandit Iswarchandra Sastri, Saptatirtha.
(8) *Nāṭyaśāstra,* Part II, edited and translated by Dr. M. M. Ghosh.
(9) *Suttasangaha* by Mr. R. P. Chaudhuri and Mr. D. P. Guha.
(10) *Origin and Development of Bhojpuri* by Dr. U. N. Tewari.
(11) *Bodhicaryyāvatāra,* edited by Mahamahopadhyaya Vidhusekhara Sastri.
(12) *Index to the Publications of the Asiatic Society* (1788-1953), by Mr. S. Chaudhuri.
(13) *History of the Telugu Chodaś* by Mr. S. Venkataramayya.
(14) *Bibliography on Indological Studies in 1953* by Mr. S. Chaudhuri.

[*Note.*—Both the Oriental Publication Funds Nos. 1 and 2 from which the necessary expenditure in this connection is to be met have been so much reduced that it will not be possible for the Society to undertake any new publication in the Bibliotheca Indica series, either in the Sanskritic or in the Perso-Arabic Section.]

The following works are to be taken up for publication by the Society if funds are available :

Books ready for the Press

(1) *Tārīkh-i-Khān-Jahān* by Dr. Imamuddin.
(2) *Gaurāñga-Vijaya* by Dr. Sukumar Sen.

Books under preparation

(1) *Vishṇu and Nārada Smṛti* by Mr. Justice R P. Mookerjee.
(2) *Garga-Saṁhitā* by Professor P. C. Sengupta.
(3) *Critical Edition of Śrīdhara's Commentary on the Kāvyaprakāśa of Mammaṭa* by Mr. Sivaprasad Bhattacharyya.
(4) *Tibetan Bibliography* by Mr. Sivadas Chaudhuri.
(5) *Hayaśīrṣa pañcarātra* by Mr. Dineshchandra Bhattacharyya and Mr. S. K. Saraswati.
(6) *Rāyamukuṭa's Commentary on Amarakoṣa* by Dr. Sukumar Sen and Dr. P. B. Chakravarti.
(7) *Kāmandakīya Nītisāra with the Commentary of Upādhyāya Nirapekṣa* (a critical edition) by Dr. U. N. Ghoshal and Mr. Rakhahari Chatterjee.
(8) *Seka-Śubhodayā,* with English translation and notes, by Dr. Sukumar Sen.
(9) *Bhaṭṭikāvya with 6 Commentaries* by Dr. K. C. Chatterji.
(10) *Critical Edition of the Bṛhatī of Prabhākara Miśra* by Dr. P. B. Chakravarti.
(11) *Tāju-l-Ma'asir* (with abstracts in English) by Mr. K. M. Mitra.
(12) *Index of the English Translation of the Ma'athiru-l-Umara* by Dr. Baini Prasad.
(13) *Tabaqāt-i-Akbari* by Sri N. B. Roy.

A statement showing the amounts realised through sales of the publications of the Asiatic Society during the last 10 years is given below :

Year	*Amount* Rs.	As.	P.
1945	10,059	0	0
1946	9,262	0	0
1947	8,446	0	0
1948	20,543	0	0
1949	24,614	0	0
1950	13,791	0	0
1951	14,378	5	0
1952	33,556	2	0
1953	25,809	0	0
1954	27,320	13	6

N.B.—Dr. S. K. Mitra's *Upper Atmosphere* in its second edition obtained for the Society a sum of Rs. 6,784-13-0, and other publications of the Society Rs. 20,536-0-6. During the year 1953, an amount of

Rs. 13,025-15-0 was realised through sale of *Upper Atmosphere,* and the balance of the total for the year, *viz.,* Rs. 12,783-1-0, through sales of other publications.

LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS

In all, 14 Public Lectures and 6 Discussion Meetings were held during the year, and the average attendance was 7 members and 23 visitors at the former and 5 members and 14 visitors at the latter. In addition to the above noted Lectures and Discussion, 12 Monthly Meetings were held, the average attendance at which was 33 members and 4 visitors. Some of the Public Lectures and Discussion Meetings were well attended.

The following papers were read at the monthly meetings :

Date	*Author*	*Subject*
4. 1. 54	Mr. Asok Chatterjee	"The Svangakhaṇḍa of the Padmapurāṇa".
1. 3. 54	Dr. Mahdi Husain	"On Manuscripts of Ibn Battuta's Travels".
5. 4. 54	(*i*) Dr. Sukumar Sen	"Royal Charters and Administrative Documents in Ancient India".
	(*ii*) Dr. D. C. Sircar	"The Madanpāṛā Plate of Viśvarūpasena".
3. 5. 54	(*i*) Mr. Charuchandra Sanyal	"The Totos—a Sub-Himalayan Tribe".
	(*ii*) Sri N. B. Roy	"Some interesting Ancedotes of Sher Shah from the rare Persian manuscript of the *Tazkirāt-al-Mulūk*".
7. 6. 54	Mr. Asok Chatterjee	"The Problem of Śāntā's parentage as affecting the Text of the Rāmāyana".
5. 7. 54	(*i*) Mr. Jack Lindsay	"Parallel Thought and Unitary Biology".
	(*ii*) Dr. Priyatosh Banerjee	"An Inscribed Stone Slab from Paharia (near Banaras)".
6. 12. 54	Dr. R. C. Majumdar	"On the Hindu College".

The exhibits noted below were shown and commented upon at the Monthly Meetings :

Date	*Speaker*	*Subject*
3. 1. 54	Mr. K. M. Maitra	"Kitābu-l-Harb wa Shujaati".
3. 5. 54	Dr. S. L. Hora	"Rain of Fishes".
7. 6. 54	Mr. K. S. Srinivasan	"Some Botanical Specimen preserved at the Indian Museum".
2. 8. 54	Mr. K. S. Srinivasan	"Some fine examples of sedgemat from Tinnevelley".

Communications

The scholars named below made the following communications in order to invite discussions on the subject chosen :

Date	*Author*	*Subject*
8. 1. 54	Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar	"Saiva Siddhānta Philosophy".
1. 3. 54	Pandit Sivaprasad Bhattacharyya	"The Neo-Buddhistic Nucleus in Alaṁkāra Śāstra".
12. 3. 54	Dr. Arthur Compton	"Science and Man's View of Himself."
13. 3 54	Dr. E. R. Clinchy	"Social Sciences and Education and Inter-group Relations."
5. 4. 54	Dr. S. L. Hora	"Two Enemies of Bengal Freshwater Fishes".
9. 4. 54	Dr. K. V. Krishnan	"Starvation and its Treatment."
9. 6. 54	Dr. G. C. Esh	"Animal *versus* Vegetable Protein Food."
12. 7. 54	Mr. T. N. Ramchandran	"The Aśvamedha Sites at Kalsi—Further Light."

	Speaker	
2. 8. 54	Mr. Lakshmikanta Mukhopadhyaya	"Folk Songs as the Origin Classical Music (with Demonstrations)."
19. 8. 54	Mr. Prabodhchandra Sengupta	"Mahābhārata—Is it History or Romance?"

	Speaker	*Subject*
6. 9. 54	Dr. S. L. Hora	"Thoughts on Certain Aspects of Fish Designs in Ancient Painting and Sculpture."
16. 9. 54	Mr. Sudhansumohan Banerji	"Sankaradeva and Vaishnavism in Assam."
24. 9. 54	Dr. Klaus Fischer	"Some Little-known Architectural Remains of Mediaeval India" (illustrated).
1. 11. 54	(*i*) Mr. A. N. Lahiri	"Importance of the (1948) Hoard of Attic Tetradrachms".
	(*ii*) Mr. N. B. Roy	"A few Coins of the Bengal Sultans".
8. 11. 54	Dr. S. K. Chatterji Dr. Kalidas Nag Mr. R. D. Ratnagar Mr. Ardeshir Dinshaw Mr. Kishorimohan Maitra Dr. Sukumar Sen Mr. Hira Lal Chopra	"Birthday Centenary of Shamsul-Ulema Dr. Jiwanji J. Modi (Indologist)."
18. 11. 54	Mr. Nirmalkumar Bose	"Temple of Barākar (Burdwan)" (illustrated).
6. 12 54	Mr. N. B. Roy	"Some Coins of the Bengal Sultāns."
16. 12. 54	Mr. Nirmalkumar Bose	"Internal Construction of Rekhā Temples" (illustrated).
23. 12. 54	Dr. N. Dutt-Majumdar	"The Onge of Little Andaman Islands" (illustrated).

Public Lectures

	Speaker	*Subject*
7. 1. 54	Professor Earl Herbert Cressy	"Some Problems of Buddhistic Studies in South-East Asia."
14. 1. 54	Mr. Bijaybihari Mukharji	"Rāmāyaṇa—its contribution to Indian Culture."

25. 2. 54	Mr. Sudhansumohan Banerjee	"Cultural Heritage of Burma."
25. 3. 54	Mr. Basantakumar Chattopadhyay	"Philosophy of Kālidāsa."
15. 4. 54	Sri Basantakumar Chattopadhyay	"Some Aspects of Mohen-jo-daro Civilization."
22. 4. 54	Mr. Bijaybihari Mukharji	"The Archetypes of Indian Culture from the Upaniṣads and the Purāṇas—their Influence and Utility."

Besides the Public Lectures and Discussion Meetings referred to above, a Special Symposium was held on the 22nd September, 1954 in connection with the 700th Anniversary Celebration of Marco Polo's Birthday. Dr. Jadunath Sarkar presided over the Symposium in which the Italian Consul, and Mr. Sudhansumohan Banerjee, Dr. Mahdi Husain and others took part. There was a big gathering, and various aspects bearing on the historical side of the travels of Marco Polo were dealt with, and those present took a great interest in the discussions.

FINANCE

(A)

In Appendix IV have been given the statements relating to the financial side of the administration of the Society. The Accounts for 1954 as envisaged in those statements will give the members an idea of the financial condition at the end of the year under report.

The Fund Accounts show the invested assets and Invest Account (No. 32) shows the position of the invested papers in respect of each Fund separately.

In Statement No. 34 will be found the Balance Sheet of the Society and the different funds administered.

Arrangements have been made to transfer to the Permanent Reserve Fund the Compounding and Admission Fees amounting to Rs. 1,510 received during the year.

(B)

The Government of West Bengal communicated orders sanctioning the following grants during the year 1954-55 before the 31st December, 1954:

(1) A grant of Rs. 3,240 for research work in connection with the History, Religion, Usages and Folklore of the Province of Bengal and its People (This grant originally made as early as 1908, amounted to Rs. 3,600 and a 20% cut was imposed in 1931. The West Bengal Government restored 10% cut only during 1953-54, hence the amount sanctioned came up to Rs. 3,240).

(2) A grant of Rs. 3,200 in aid of the publication of the remaining volumes of the Descriptive Cataogue of Sanskrit Manuscripts.

(3) A grant of Rs. 2,700 in aid of the publications of original works of historical importance in Persian, Arabic and other languages.

(4) A grant of Rs. 1,800 in aid of the publication of papers in the Journal of the Society (This grant was originally sanctioned as early as 1892 and amounted to Rs. 2,000 before 1931, in which year a 20% cut was imposed, 10% of which having been restored in 1953-54, the amount as shown was sanctioned).

(5) A grant of Rs. 2,500 sanctioned as an additional grant in aid of the publication of the Journals of the Asiatic Society.

(6) A grant of Rs. 8,400 for the publication of Oriental Works and Works of Instruction in Eastern Languages and for publication of Sanskrit Works hiterto unpublished.

As to the grant of Rs. 7,200 which is made annually ever since 1945 to enable the Society to maintain 4 Research Fellowships, the details of which are to be found under the heading "Grants and Research Fellows," the order renewing the grant for the year 1954-55 has not yet been communicated to the Society. It is expected, however, that the Government of West Bengal will renew the grant before the 31st March, 1955.

(C)

As regards the Government of India grants, it may be noted that the Central Government sanctioned an *ad hoc* amount of Rs. 25,000 during the year 1953-54 and that money was received before 31st March, 1954: hence the same was included in the receipts for the year 1954. As to the renewal of the grant for the year 1954-55, the Government of India has been moved for grant of Rs. 35,000 but the Government in reply to that prayer for necessary financial aid for balancing the budget of the Society intimated that unless decision was reached on the question of Reorganisation of the Office and the Library of the Society, the Central Government would not be in a position to sanction any grant during the current financial year. The letter in question is now before the Council, and it is hoped that a final decision on all matters concerned will be arrived at soon, and then the Central Government may be pleased to release the amount of Rs. 35,000 required by the Society for meeting the essential expenses only.

Since 1953, negotiations had been started by the Government of India, Ministry of Education with the Government of Nepal for a Survey of Manuscripts Libraries in Nepal to be conducted by the Asiatic Society by deputing Sri S. K. Saraswati as Scholar-Surveyor, with a microfilm Photographer. A scheme was drawn up for the purpose costing Rs. 28,000 of which Rs. 4,000 would be contributed by the Asiatic Society and the balance up to a maximum of Rs. 24,000 is to be met by the Government of India. The Government agreed to make a grant of Rs. 24,000 in two instalments of Rs. 12,000 each during 1954-55, the first instalment would be given on receipt of our application from the Society along with a list of the manuscripts which were proposed to be microfilmed and the second instalment after the completion of the work (G.O. No. F. 30-58/5-A-I, dated the 21st April 1954). On the 28th June 1954, *i.e.,* two or three days before taking up a lecturership under the University of Calcutta, Mr. S. K. Saraswati stated that "with the advancing rainy season it may not be found suitable to undertake an extensive tour in the hill valley of Nepal which a successful operation of the scheme would necessarily demand." He, therefore, prayed that "the Government of India may kindly be requested to divert the sanctioned amount of money of the budget allotment for the next financial year, *i.e.,* for 1955-56." Accordingly the Government of India was informed that it would not be necessary for them to sanction the grant in two equal instalments of Rs. 12,000 each during 1954-55. As since July 1954 Mr. Saraswati has been working as a Lecturer in the University of Calcutta and as there is no knowing when he will resume his duties in the Asiatic Society, if at all, during 1955, no definite information could be given to Government of India as to the exact time when the survey of Manuscript Libraries in Nepal would be undertaken. Naturally fresh efforts will have to be made for the re-sanction of the grant when Mr. S. K. Saraswati resumes his duties in the Asiatic Society sometime in 1956.

In order to enable the Asiatic Society to make a start with the work of publication of an Index of the English Translation of *Ma'athiru-i-Umara* (edited by Dr. Baini Prasad) the Government of India Ministry of Education in October 1954, sanctioned a grant of a sum of Rs. 5,000 towards the cost of publication of the aforesaid Index. Further grants towards its publication may be expected to be obtained from Government of India after detailed estimates of the cost of compilation and publication of the manuscript are furnished by the Asiatic Society. The sanctioned grant however was not received by the Society before the end of December 1954, although the preliminary formalities like getting the bill countersigned by the Under-Secretary to the Government of India Ministry of Education have been gone through.

(D)

For the last three years correspondence was going on with the Government of India for air-conditioning one or two rooms on the ground floor of the Society's building for preservation of rare books and manuscripts. The application for grant contained two alternative schemes which were examined by the experts of the Central Public Works Department. The officers of the C.P.W.D. visited the Society's premises once towards the end of 1953 and again at the beginning of 1954 for fresh estimate. On receipt of there Report the Government of India wrote to the Society on 5th March, 1954 that the Government might sanction a grant of Rs. 65,796 for the air-conditioning project if the Society agreed to certain conditions.

In this office letter No. 1465, dated 28th April, 1954 it was pointed out that the sum mentioned might be inadequate for the purpose and probably a larger sum would be required. The Society also intimated that an amount of Rs. 10,000 could be contributed by the Society in that connection and that the other conditions were also agreed to by the Council of the Society. This matter is still under consideration of the Government and it is expected that the Government of India will order the payment of the grant in the near future.

Grants for Research and Research Activities

In 1945 the Government of West Bengal sanctioned a grant of Rs. 10,000 in the first instance for 5 years as financial aid towards the preparation and publication of Original Source Books bearing on the History of Bengal and Bihar. Dr. Jadunath Sarkar was entrusted with the work of collecting and editing the necessary materials, and the work is continuing. It is hoped that the other volumes of the source books will be sent to the Press soon. When the manuscripts are ready and estimates are obtained and printing will commence, then the State Government will be moved for sanctioning additional grants if necessary.

The West Bengal Government further sanctioned an annual grant of Rs. 7,200 for the creation of four Research Fellowships. The Research

Fellow will have to conduct original researches under the auspices of the Asiatic Society. The following Research Fellowships were accordingly initiated for enabling research workers to utilise the materials available in the Society in carrying on researches in different branches of Indology:

(1) Sir William Jones Fellowship for Sanskritic Studies.

(2) James Prinsep Fellowship for Researches in Epigraphy and Numismatics.

(3) Raja Rajendralala Mitra Fellowship for Buddhistic Studies.

(4) R. G. Casey Fellowship for Islamic Studies.

Research work in connection with the first three items is in progress and only the vacancy in respect of the R. G. Casey Fellowship could not be filled due to failure on the part of the Society to get a suitably qualified candidate to carry on work with the help of manuscript materials available in Persian and Arabic in the Society or elsewhere.

It is expected that the West Bengal Government will renew the grant of Rs. 7,200 for the year 1954-55 and the necessary order conveying sanction will be received in time.

New Building for the Society

The question of having an up-to-date new building on the plot which is now in the possession of the lessees, the Standard Vacuum Oil Company, is engaging the attention of the Council for some time past, but the scheme could not be finalised in that connection, due to various causes. It is expected, however, that this matter will be taken up in future in right earnest, so that a new building worthy of the Asiatic Society may be started at least in 1956 when the renewed lease will expire.

PRINTERS

The Printers for the numerous publications of the Society were the same as before (*viz.*, the Baptist Mission Press, the Modern Art Press, the Calcutta Oriental Press, the Pooran Press and the Metropolitan Printing and Publishing House) and they deserve the grateful thanks of the Society for their co-operation in the matter of timely publication of the various books and papers entrusted to them.

SELLING AGENTS

The Selling Agents for the Publications of the Society in India, Europe and America were—

1. Messrs. Thacker, Spink & Co., Ltd., 3, Esplanade East, Calcutta.
2. Messrs. Luzac & Co., 46, Russell Street, London, W.C.1.
3. Messrs. The Moore Cotterel Subscription Agencies, New York, U.S.A.
4. Messrs. Oxford Book and Stationery Co., Scindia House, New Delhi.

SOLICITORS

The Society's Solicitors were, as before, Messrs. B. N. Basu & Company. To Mr. S. K. Ghosh, Solicitor and senior partner of the firm are to be conveyed the sincerest thanks of the Council for carrying on prolonged negotiations with the lessees of the land belonging to the Society. His long association with the Society has been very helpful in many matters involving legal formalities.

AUDITORS

The Auditors, Messrs Price, Waterhouse, Peat & Company audited the Accounts promptly and thanks are due to them for their speedy and timely auditing.

List of Members of the Council, Committees, Sub-Committees, etc., of the Asiatic Society for 1954

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Medical Secretary—Dr. A. C. Ukil.
Library Secretary—Dr. Mrs. Roma Chaudhuri.
Members of Council—Mr. Nirmalkumar Sen. Mr. S. Banerji, Mr. Nirmalchandra Bhattacharyya, Mr. William Ewan Catto, and Mr. Syed Ashfaque Husain (Nominee of the Government of India).

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*The additional secretaryship was created by Council in March, 1954 under Rules 4 and 37.

(4) Bibliotheca Indica Committee

President, General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, (*ex-officio*), Dr. J. N. Banerjea, Dr. Sukumar Sen, Principal Said Ahmed Akberabadi, Dr. Jadunath Sarkar, Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi, Dr. S. N. Sen, Dr. U. N. Ghoshal.

OTHER COMMITTEES

(1) Membership Committee

President, General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer (*ex-officio*), Mr N. K. Sen, Mr. Nirmalchandra Bhattacharyya, Mr. Chhotelal Jain, Dr. A. C. Ukil and Mr. W. E. Catto.

SPECIAL SUB-COMMITTEES

(1) Special Committee formed to enquire into and report on the working of the Office (Job Analysis).

Honorary Treasurer, General Secretary, Dr. D. M. Bose and Mr. N. K. Sen. This Sub-Committee did not function as a new Sub-Committee mentioned under (3) below was formed soon after to devise ways and means for augmenting the income of the Society and reducing expenditure with a view to improving the financial position of the Society.

(2) Special Committee constituted to look into the estimates concerning the Air-Conditioning of the Stock Rooms of the Society.

(*Vide* Govt. of India, Ministry of Education's letter No. F.42-54/51-A.I., dated 5-3-54).

Dr. S. K. Mitra, Mr. Bernard Matthews and Mr. S. M. Banerjee. (Later in May, 1954 Mr. Akshaykumar Bose was appointed in place of Mr. Bernard Matthews —on furlough).

(3) Special Committee to examine the financial position of the Asiatic Society.

Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji (President), Mr. J M Sen (General Secretary), Dr. K. N. Bagchi (Treasurer), Mr. L. P. Misra, Mr. Syed Ashfaque Husain, Mr. Justice R. P. Mookherjee, Mr. S. Banerji, Sudhansumohan Banerji.

(4) Selection Committee appointed to consider applications from candidates for the James Prinsep and Casey Research Fellowships.

(*i*) For James Prinsep Research Fellowship—Dr. J. N. Banerjea, Dr. U. N. Ghoshal and Dr. Sukumar Sen.

(*ii*) For R. G. Casey Research Fellowship—Dr. J. N. Banerjea, Principal S. A. Akberabadi and Dr. P. C. Gupta.

(5) Sub-Committee appointed to reconsider the question of re-organisation of the Office and Library in the light of the discussions at the Ordinary Monthly General Meetings held on the 2nd August, 6th September, and 20th September, 1954.

The President (Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji), The Treasurer (Dr. K. N. Bagchi), The General Secretary (Mr. J. M. Sen), Mr. Justice R. P. Mookherjee, Dr. B. S. Guha, Dr. A. C. Ukil, Mr. N. C. Bhattacharyya, Dr. S. L. Hora, Mr. S. Banerjee, and Professor K. P. Chattopadhyaya.

MEDAL ADVISORY BOARDS

(1) Annandale Memorial Medal.

Professor K. P. Chattopadhyaya, Dr. H. K. Mookerjee, Dr. A. C. Ukil, Dr. B. S. Guha, Dr. Verrier Elwin, Mr. Nirmalkumar Bose, and Professor G. S. Ghurye.

(2) Paul Johnnes Bruhl Memorial Mtdal.

The President (Dr. S. K. Chatterji), the Ghosh Professor of Botany, the Director, Botanical Survey of India, the President, Botany Section, Indian Science Congress Association for the year 1954, the Secretary, Natural History Section (Biology), Asiatic Society, Dr. K. P. Biswas, Dr. S. R. Bose, Dr. Janaki Ammal, Professor Mahabali, ond Dr. K. D. Bagchee.

(3) Pramathanath Bose Memorial Medal.

Mr. J. M. Sen (General Secretary. Asiatic Society), Professor Nirmalnath Chatterjee, Dr. M. S. Krishnan, Dr. D. N. Wadia, Dr. C. Mahadevan, Dr. P. K. Ghosh, and Dr. M. R. Sahni.

(4) Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial Gold Medal.

The President (Dr. S. K. Chatterji), the General Secretary, (Mr. J. M. Sen), the Natural History (Physical Science Secretary, the Anthropolgical Secretary, the Director, Board of Scientific and Industary Research or his nominee, Mr. Vithal Narayan Chandavarkar, Mr. D. N. Sen (Ex-Sheriff of Calcutta), Mr. J. C Ghosh, the Donor, and a nominee of the Donor.

APPENDIX III

BUDGET ESTIMATES, 1955—RECEIPTS

No.	Budget Head	Actuals 1952	Actuals 1953	Budget Estimate 1954	Revised Estimate 1954	Budget Estimate 1955
I	Interests on Investments	9,105	9,105	9,100	9,100	9,100
II	Advertisement	...	43,450*	12,000	12,000	12,000
III	Income from leased lands	6,250	32,405*	13,200	16,200†	13,200
IV	Miscellaneous	1,475	6,175	2,500	2,120	2,000
V	Members subscription	20,115	16,672	17,000	17,033	17,000
VI	Admission Fees	1,456	1,328	1,300	1,074	1,200
VII	Compounding Fees	1,320	520	700	468	...
VIII	Special Grant from Government of India for General Fund.	10,000	20,000	25,000	25,000	35,000
IX	Proportionate Share for General Expenditure from :—					
	1. Oriental Publication Fund No. 1	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,000
	2. Publication Fund	2,500	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,250
	3. Arabic and Persian Mss. Fund	2,000	2,000	2,000	...	250
	TOTAL	57,721	1,40,155	91,300	91,495	98,000

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* Arrears for three years (1950, 1951 and 1952) realised during 1953.

† Includes arrear rent of Rs. 4,125 from Shewakram & Sons.

BUDGET ESTIMATES, 1955—EXPENDITURE

No.	Budget Head	Actuals 1952	Actuals 1953	Budget Estimate 1954	Revised Estimate 1954	Budget Estimate 1955
I	Salaries :	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	Salary of Office Staff	20,338	21,747	22,800	22,620	22,700
	,, of Library Staff	14,700	15,443	13,700	13,550	16,800
	,, of Leave Reserve	...	780	400	60	200
II	Provident Fund Contribution . . .	1,876	2,099	2,000	3,000	2,210
IIIA	General Secretary's Conveyance allowance .	1,800	1,800	900	900	...
IIIB	Dearness Allowance :					
	Office Staff . . .	9,790	10,055	9,600	10,243	10,400
	Library Staff	5,690	5,854	5,400	5,490	5,900
IV	Interim Relief : Office and Library Staff	...	...	...	580	...
V	Gratuity	...	...	...	...	...
VI	Commission	567	586	600	580	600
VII	Printing Notices, Circulars, etc. . . .	2,635	2,645	3,500	3,000	3,000
VIII	Stationery	1,650	1,565	1,500	1,300	1,300
IX	Contingencies and Miscellaneous . . .	2,050	1,948	3,500*	3,000	2,500
X	Postage	2,700	2,786	4,200†	4,000	4,000
XI	Electric Charges	2,150	2,399	2,400	2,600	2,000
XII	Telephones	460	435	460	450	400

* Inclluding contribution for restoration of Sir Wm. Jones' tomb.
† Increased postal rates and distribution of arrear Journals.

BUDGET ESTIMATES, 1955—EXPENDITURE

XIII	Petty repairs to Building	1,600	5,000	2,400	1,500	1,500
XIV	Taxes	6,320	3,840	3,840	5,110	3,840
XV	Insurance	750	750	750	750	750
XVI	Lower Subordinate Staff Uniforms	342	540	700	470	700***
XVII	Furniture (Purchase & Repair)	132	...	400	270	200
XVIII	Audit Fee	650	650	650	650	650
XIX	Library Book Purchase	3,950	4,826	6,000	5,000	6,000**
XX	Book Binding	1,490	1,052	1,000	620	1,000
XXɪ	LibraryImprovement—	5,310	5,530	6,300	6,300	...
	(*a*) Cataloguing, including Techni Assistants' Salary.	...	...	...	4,650	5,500
	(*b*) Miscellaneous	...	...	...	850	
XXII	General Improvement (Through urgent repairs of the existing premises including Malthoid roofing, changing of joists and rafters, plastering of building walls, compound walls, cutting down of useless trees in the compound, etc.)	370	1,780	500	300	12,000
XXIII	Transfer of compounding & Admission fees to Permanent Reserve.	1,200	500	2,000	1,542	1,200
	TOTAL	88,420	94,610	95,500	93,065	1,05,350

*** Winter uniforms due next year.

** Books received—Bill not yet paid	2000
Orders placed but books not received	1,500
Current Purchases	3,500
TOTAL Rs.	6,000

Membership Statistics from 1905-1954

FOR THE LAST 50 YEARS

(*Year ending on the 31st of December*)

YEAR	ORDINARY								EXTRAORDINARY						FELLOWS	
	PAYING				NON-PAYING										Ordinary Fellows are included in the list of paying members	
	Resident	Non-Resident	Foreign	Total Paying	Absent	Life	Total Non-Paying	Total Ordinary Members	Centenary Honorary	Associate (Non-Paying)	Institutional	Special Aniversary Honorary member	Total Extra-ordinary	Grand Total Membership	Ordinary	Honorary
1905 ..	144	133	12	289	48	20	68	357	4	13	..	..	17	374	29	..
1906 ..	173	147	15	335	52	20	72	407	4	12	..	..	16	423	30	..
1907 ..	174	175	20	369	31	20	51	420	4	12	..	..	16	436	28	..
1908 ..	181	193	17	391	38	19	57	448	4	13	..	..	17	465	30	..
1909 ..	183	217	13	413	40	20	60	473	4	14	..	..	18	491	28	..
1910 ..	209	217	16	442	43	23	60	508	4	14	..	..	18	526	27	..
1911 ..	200	225	19	444	53	22	75	519	3	14	..	..	17	536	28	17
1912 ..	203	229	19	451	43	23	66	517	3	13	..	..	16	533	27	19
1913 ..	200	211	19	430	46	23	69	499	3	14	..	..	17	516	27	19
1914 ..	191	187	19	397	50	26	76	473	3	14	..	..	17	490	24	19
1915 ..	171	188	21	380	40	25	65	445	3	15	..	..	18	463	29	27
1916 ..	145	159	18	322	60	25	85	407	3	15	..	..	18	425	26	31
1917 ..	150	144	15	309	45	24	69	378	2	12	..	..	14	392	26	33
1918 ..	153	145	17	315	43	24	67	382	2	10	..	..	12	394	22	35
1919 ..	141	128	15	284	64	25	89	373	2	11	..	..	13	386	22	39
1920 ..	161	134	15	310	32	26	58	368	2	11	..	..	13	381	18	36
1921 ..	160	132	16	308	26	26	52	360	2	12	..	..	14	374	28	38
1922 ..	160	141	16	317	26	26	52	369	2	13	..	..	15	384	28	40
1923 ..	147	120	13	280	30	27	57	337	2	11	..	..	13	350	30	39
1924 ..	209	134	12	355	29	28	57	412	2	12	..	..	14	426	28	37
1925 ..	263	137	12	412	23	27	50	462	2	12	..	..	14	476	27	37
1926 ..	319	162	20	501	23	28	51	552	2	12	..	..	14	566	26	34
1927 ..	328	167	18	513	28	33	61	574	2	13	..	..	15	589	25	34
1928 ..	344	167	23	534	42	46	88	622	1	12	2	..	15	637	28	38
1929 ..	331	181	21	535	46	49	95	628	1	10	2	..	13	641	27	43
1930 ..	291	194	37	522	22	52	74	596	1	8	5	..	14	610	29	47
1931 ..	228	184	29	441	26	52	78	519	1	8	5	..	14	533	29	46
1932 ..	222	126	23	371	27	54	81	452	1	7	6	..	14	466	28	45
1933 ..	194	126	27	347	33	56	89	436	..	7	7	..	14	450	26	49
1934 ..	217	112	30	359	26	57	83	442	..	6	7	12	25	467	26	47
1935 ..	206	107	28	341	28	56	84	425	..	5	10	11	26	451	24	44
1936 ..	214	106	24	344	16	55	71	415	..	5	12	11	28	443	21	46
1937 ..	205	99	29	333	20	55	75	408	..	5	12	10	27	435	19	49
1938 ..	193	98	21	312	24	54	78	390	..	4	12	10	26	416	19	45
1939 ..	187	103	21	311	21	54	75	386	..	6	12	10	28	414	22	46
1940 ..	190	108	18	316	14	57	71	387	..	7	12	10	29	416	22	46
1941 ..	173	113	16	302	22	58	80	382	..	6	12	10	27	409	21	49
1942 ..	171	108	12	291	28	56	84	375	..	6	12	10	27	402	18	48
1943 ..	195	125	12	332	23	57	80	412	..	6	12	10	27	439	17	48
1944 ..	240	148	13	401	23	59	82	483	..	8	14	10	32	515	16	45
1945 ..	418	176	23	617	20	77	97	714	..	10	16	10	36	750	14	46
1946 ..	602	199	21	822	20	83	103	925	..	9	17	10	36	961	14	43
1947 ..	665	205	28	898	31	87	118	1016	..	9	19	10	38	1054	13	41
1948 ..	671	204	24	899	29	92	121	1020	..	9	19	10	39	1059	14	43
1949 ..	665	219	24	908	29	92	121	1029	..	9	21	10	41	1070	14	41
1950 ..	623	212	12	847	28	96	124	971	..	9	23	10	43	1014	13	42
1951 ..	620	196	7	823	28	95	123	946	..	9	24	9	44	900	13	45
1952 ..	..	..	..	800	28	99	127	927	..	9	21	9	34	961	8	48
1953 ..	..	..	..	754	28	98	126	880	..	5	21	9	35	915	8	49
1954* ..	..	..	..	583	..	98	98	681	..	5	20	9	34	715	8	47

*The total number of paying members now comes up to 583 as verified from the ledger. The number as shown in the previous years were obviously incorrect and did not tally with the figures of effective numbership. The Grand total of membership was obviously shown incorrectly for a number of years. The reconciliation of figures would involve considerable research into the past records of the Society and may be undertaken in future years by those anxious to do so. For a plausible explanation please see report for 1954, page 4.

As it is not possible to rectify the printed figures supplied in previous reports it is considered necessary not to rely on earlier data but to insert the figures which could be verified from data obtained during 1954.

APPENDIX IV

Abstract Statement
of
Receipt and Disbursement
of
The Asiatic Society
for
the Year 1954

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Statement No. 1.

General

Income and Expenditure Account

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
TO ESTABLISHMENT:						
General Secretary's Allowances	900	0	0			
Salaries	35,943	6	0			
Interim Relief	580	0	0			
Leave Reserve	20	0	0			
Dearness Allowance	15,712	2	0	53,155	8	0
GENERAL EXPENDITURE:						
Commission	573	0	0			
Stationery	1,313	7	6			
Electric Charges	2,499	7	6			
Telephone	440	10	0			
Taxes	5,108	5	0			
Postage	3,238	2	6			
Contingencies	3,060	12	0			
Printing Circulars, Forms, etc.	2,842	13	9			
Audit Fee	650	0	0			
Insurance	750	0	0			
Lower Subordinate Staff, Uniform	473	3	0			
Furniture and Repairs	268	9	6	21,218	6	9
LIBRARY AND COLLECTIONS:						
Books	4,463	1	6			
Binding	897	2	0			
Improvement, including Reading Room accommodation, Stock-taking and Safety Measures	6,422	2	6	11,782	6	0
General Improvement				252	5	6
Provident Fund Contributions, 1954				1,994	10	0
				88,403	4	3
Transfer to Building Repairs Fund Account				1,500	0	0
SUNDRY ADJUSTMENTS:						
Arrears of Members Subscription written off				964	0	0
BALANCE AS PER BALANCE SHEET:						
3 % G.P. Notes Rs. 2,77,200						
3½% National Bond Rs. 10,100						
4½% Loan Rs. 11,400						
	2,98,700	0	0			
Surplus at date	15,371	11	1	3,14,071	11	1
				4,04,938	15	4

Fund. *1954.*

for the year ended 31st December, 1954.

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
By Balance From Last Account				3,09,106	8	4
CASH RECEIPTS:						
Interest on Investments ...	9,335	12	0			
Grant from Government of India ...	25,000	0	0			
Rent	15,950	0	0			
Advertising	12,000	0	0			
Miscellaneous	1,902	11	0			
				64,188	7	0
PERSONAL ACCOUNT:						
Members' Subscriptions	21,570	0	0			
Admission Fees	1,106	0	0			
Compounding Fees	468	0	0			
				23,144	0	0
TRANSFER FROM FUNDS:						
Proportionate Share in General Expenditure—						
O.P. Fund No. 1 Account ...	3,500	0	0			
Publication Fund Account ...	5,000	0	0			
				8,500	0	0
				4,04,938	**15**	**0**

STATEMENT NO. 2. *Oriental Publication*

From a monthly grant made by the Government of West Bengal, for the Languages (Rs. 500, Less 10% from the 1st of April, 1953), and for

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
To Proportionate Share in General Expenditure				3,500	0	0
Editing				2,167	0	0
Printing				5,359	2	9
Balance as per Balance Sheet—						
Rs. 5,000 3% War Loan, 1958 ...	5,000	0	0			
Rs. 5,000 3% Victory Loan, 1957 ...	5,000	0	0			
Fixed Deposit	10,000	0	0			
Surplus at date	4,860	8	1			
				24,860	8	1
				35,886	10	10

STATEMENT NO. 3. *Oriental Publication*

From an annual grant made by the Government of West Bengal of
Historical
(*Less* 10% *from*

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
To Printing				693	4	9
Balance as per Balance Sheet				2,888	9	11
				3,581	14	8

STATEMENT NO. 4. *Sanskrit Manuscripts*

From an annual grant of Rs. 3,200 made by the Government of
acquired by the Society; and Rs. 3,600
from the same Government

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
To Printing				1,066	4	0
Salary				4,320	0	0
Purchase of Mss				239	0	0
Balance as per Balance Sheet				1,335	5	1
				6,960	9	1

Fund No. 1, in Account with A.S. *1954.*

Publication of Oriental Works and Works of Instruction in Eastern
the publication of Sanskrit Works hitherto unpublished, Rs. 250.

		Rs. As. P.	Rs.	As.	P.
By Balance from last Account	...	...	25,187	10	10
W. B. Govt. Grant ...	...	...	10,250	0	0
Interest realized during the year	...	...	299	0	0
Interest on Fixed Deposit	...	...	150	0	0
			35,886	10	10

Fund No. 2, in Account with A.S. *1954.*

Rs. 3,000 for the publication of Arabic and Persian Works of
Interest
the 1st of April, 1953.)

		Rs. As. P.	Rs.	As.	P.
By Balance from last Account	...	...	881	14	8
W. B. Govt. Grant ..	...	...	2,700	0	0
			3,581	14	8

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Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1954.*

West Bengal for the publication of the Catalogue of Sanskrit Manuscripts
(*Less* 10% *from the 1st of April*, 1953.)
for Research Work.

		Rs. As. P.	Rs.	As.	P.
By Balance from last Account	...	...	3,760	9	1
W. B. Govt. Grant ...	...	...	3,200	0	0
			6,960	9	

Statement No. 5. *Arabic and Persian Manuscripts*

From an annual grant of Rs. 5,000 made by the Government of Manuscripts, acquired by the Society; for the purchase of of Arabic and Persian Manuscripts

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Cataloguing	...	4,320 0 0
Purchase of Mss.	...	50 0 0
Balance as per Balance Sheet ...	...	7,256 6 6
		11,626 6 6

Statement No. 6. *Barclay Memorial*

From a sum of Rs. 500 odd given in 1896 by the Surgeon encouragement of Medical

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Cost of Medals	...	64 2 0
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 700, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	700 0 0	
Surplus at date	197 6 11	897 6 11
		961 8 11

Statement No. 7. *Servants' Pension*

Founded in 1876 as the Piddington Pension Fund

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Pension	...	156 0 0
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 3,000 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	3,000 0 0	
Surplus at date	209 12 8	3,209 12 8
		3,365 12 8

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1954.*

India for the cataloguing and binding of Arabic and Persian further Manuscripts, and for the preparation of notices found in various Libraries in India.

		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account	...	...	11,476 6 6
Interest on Fixed Deposit	...	...	150 0 0
			11,626 6 6

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1954.*

General, I.M.S., for the foundation of a medal for the and Biological Sciences.

		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account	...	...	940 8 11
Interest realized during the year	...	...	21 0 0
			961 8 11

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1954.*

with Rs. 500 odd from the Piddington Fund.

		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account	...	...	3,276 4 8
Interest realized during the year	...	...	89 8 0
			3,365 12 8

STATEMENT No. 8. *Annandale Memorial*

From donations by subscription

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—						
Rs. 4,000 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	4,000	0	0			
Surplus at date	306	8	9	4,306	8	9
				4,306	8	9

STATEMENT No. 9. *Permanent Library Endowment*

From gifts received

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—						
Rs. 14,000 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	14,000	0	0			
Fixed Deposit	8,000	0	0			
Surplus at date	1,567	3	8	23,567	3	8
				23,567	3	8

STATEMENT No. 10. *Sir William Jones Memorial*

From a sum gifted for the purpose

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
To Cost of a Medal	...			38	12	0
Balance as per Balance Sheet—						
Rs. 3,000 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	3,000	0	0			
Surplus at date	230	5	0	3,230	5	0
				3,269	1	0

STATEMENT No. 11. *Pramathanath Bose Memorial*

From a sum gifted for

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—						
Rs. 1,800, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	1,800	0	0			
Fixed Deposit	500	0	0			
Surplus at date	218	14	9	2,518	14	9
				2,518	14	9

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1954.*

started in 1926.

		Rs. As. P.	Rs.	As.	P.
By Balance from last Account	...	...	4,187	0	9
Interest realized during the year	...	...	119	8	0
			4,306	8	9

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1954.*

started in 1926.

		Rs. As. P.	Rs.	As.	P.
By Balance from last Account	...	...	23,027	15	8
Interest realized during the year	...	...	419	4	0
Interest on Fixed Deposit	...	...	120	0	0
			23,567	3	8

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1954.*

in 1926, by Dr. U. N. Bramachari

		Rs. As. P.	Rs.	As.	P.
By Balance from last Account	...	...	3,179	9	0
Interest realized during the year	...	...	89	8	0
			3,269	1	0

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1954.*

the purpose in 1935.

		Rs. As. P.	Rs.	As.	P.
By Balance from last Account	...	...	2,457	14	9
Interest realized during the year	...	...	53	8	0
Interest on Fixed Deposit	...	...	7	8	0
			2,518	14	9

STATEMENT NO. 12. *Joygobind Law Memorial*

From a donation for the purpose

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Cost of a Medal	...	38 12 0
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 3,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	3,000 0 0	
Surplus at date	237 0 6	3,237 0 6
		3,275 12 6

STATEMENT NO. 13. *Calcutta Science Congress Prize*

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 3,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	3 000 0 0	
Surplus at date	678 1 7	3,678 1 7
		3,678 1 7

STATEMENT NO. 14. *Dr. Brühl Memorial*

From a sum gifted for the purpose in

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 1,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	1,000 0 0	
Fixed Deposit	500 0 0	
Surplus at date	64 4 0	1,564 4 0
		1,564 4 0

STATEMENT NO. 15. *Dr. Bimalachurn Law Gold Medal*

From a sum gifted for the

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Cost of a Medal		334 13 0
Blance as per Blance Sheet—		
Rs. 8,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	8,000 0 0	
Fixed Deposit	500 0 0	
Surplus at date	288 11 9	8,788 11 9
		9,123 8 9

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1954.*

in 1929, by Dr. Satyacharan Law.

		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account	...	...	3,186 4 6
Interest realized during the year	...	...	89 8 0
			3,275 12 6

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1954.*

		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account	...	...	3,588 9 7
Interest realized during the year	...		89 8 0
			3,678 1 7

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1954.*

1929, by the Brühl Farewell Committee.

		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account	...	...	1,527 0 0
Interest realized during the year	...	...	29 12 0
Interest on Fixed Deposit	...	...	7 8 0
			1,564 4 0

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1954.*

purpose by Dr. B. C. Law.

		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account	...	...	8,876 8 9
Interest realized during the year	...	...	239 8 0
Interest on Fixed Deposit	...	...	7 8 0
			9,123 8 9

STATEMENT No. 16. *Sarat Ch. Roy Medal Fund*

From a sum gifted by Mrs.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 4,000, 3% Victory Loan, 1957 ...	4,000 0 0	
Surplus at date	574 11 7	
		4,574 11 7
		4,574 11 7

STATEMENT No. 17. *Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial*

From a sum donated

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 10,000 3% Loan, 1970-75 ...	10,000 0 0	
Fixed Deposit	500 0 0	
Surplus at date	555 4 6	
		11,055 4 6
		11,055 4 6

STATEMENT No. 18. *Sir Jadunath Sarkar Medal*

From a sum donated

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Cost of a Medal	...	337 5 0
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 8,000, 3% Conversion Loan, 1946	8,000 0 0	
Fixed Deposit	500 0 0	
Surplus at date	214 2 9	
		8,714 2 9
		9,051 7 9

STATEMENT No. 19. *Dr. Bimalachurn Law Collection*

From a sum donated

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Fixed Deposit	500 0 0	
Surplus at date	468 12 6	
		968 12 6
		968 12 6

STATEMENT No. 20. *Research Fellowship*

From an annual grant of Rs. 7,200

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Scholarships	...	4,525 0 0
Advertisement	...	81 4 0
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Fixed Deposit	8,000 0 0	
Surplus at date	10,542 8 9	
		18,542 8 9
		23,148 12 9

Account in Account with A.S.

1954.

S. C. Roy for the purpose.

		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account	...	...	4,455 3 7
Interest realized during the year	...	...	119 8
			4,574 11 7

Medal Fund, in Account with A.S.

1954.

by Mr. D. P. Khaitan.

		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account	...	...	10,748 12 6
Interest realized during the year	...	...	299 0 0
Interest on Fixed Deposit	...	...	7 8 0
			11,055 4 6

Fund in Account with A.S.

1954.

by Dr. B. C. Law

		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account	...	...	8,804 7 9
Interest realized during the year	...	...	239 8 0
Interest on Fixed Deposit	...	...	7 8 0
			9,051 7 9

Fund in Account with A.S.

1954

by Dr. B. C. Law

		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account	...	...	961 4 6
Interest on Fixed Deposit	...	...	7 8 0
			968 12 6

Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

1954.

made by the Government of West Bengal.

		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account	...	...	15,828 12 9
Annual Grant received during the year		...	7,200 0 0
Interest on Fixed Deposit	...	...	120 0 0
			23,148 12 9

Statement No. 21. *Historical Publication*

From an annual grant of Rs. 10,000

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Fixed Deposit	20,000 0 0	
Surplus at date	2,785 2 3	
		22,785 2 3
		22,785 2 3

Statement No. 22. *Rajasthani Fund Account*

From a sum donated

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Fixed Deposit	1,000 0 0	
Surplus at date	778 7 0	
		1,778 7 0
		1,778 7 0

Statement No. 23. *Preservation of Manuscripts*

From a grant received from

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Repairs	...	684 0 0
Preservation	...	375 1 9
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Fixed Deposit	10,000 0 0	
Surplus at date	877 15 0	
		10,877 15 0
		11,937 0 9

Statement No. 24. *Portrait Maintenance*

From Contribution

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet ...	...	633 0 0
		633 0 0

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1954.*

made by the Government of West Bengal.

		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account	...	...	22,485 2 3
Interest on Fixed Deposit	...	...	300 0 0
			22,785 2 3

in Account with A.S. *1954.*

by G. D. Birla.

		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account	...	...	1,763 7 0
Interest on Fixed Deposit	...	...	15 0 0
			1,778 7 0

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1954.*

the Government of India.

		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account	...	...	11,787 0 9
Interest on Fixed Deposit	...	...	150 0 0
			11,937 0 9

Fund Account, in Account with A.S. *1954.*

received.

		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Balance from last Account	...	...	633 0 0
			633 0 0

STATEMENT No. 25. *Building Repairs*

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
To Repairs during the year	...			906	1	0
Balance as per Balance Sheet ...	...			637	7	3
				1,543	8	3

STATEMENT No. 26. *Provident Fund Account*

From contributions by the

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
To Balance as per Balance Sheet—						
Rs. 5,200, 3% G. P. Notes, 1963-65 ...	5,200	0	0			
Rs. 5,000, 3% Victory Loan, 1957 ...	5,000	0	0			
Rs. 8,000 3½% Treasury Savings Deposit	8,000	0	0			
Savings Bank	10,304	8	0			
Advances	1,175	0	0			
				29,679	8	0
				29,679	8	0

STATEMENT No. 27. *Provident Fund Advances*

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P
To Balance from last Account ...	...			1,495	0	0
Payments during the year ...	...			1,602	0	0
				3,097	0	0

STATEMENT No. 28. *Personal*

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
To Balance from last Account ...	...			19,818	15	6
Advances	...			4,553	5	6
A.S. Subscription, etc. ...	23,144	0	0			
Book Sales, etc, ...	23,430	2	6			
				46,574	2	6
				70,946	7	6

Fund Account, in Account with A.S.

1954.

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
By Balance from last Account ...	...			43	8	3
Transfer from A. S. General Fund ...	...			1,500	0	0
				1,543	8	3

in Account with A.S.

Society and its Staff.

1954.

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
By Balance from last Account ...	...			24,985	0	0
Interest realized during the year ...	58	14	0			
Staff Contribution for the year ...	1,994	10	0			
Society's Contribution for the year	1,994	10	0			
				4,048	2	0
Interest on Investments and from Savings Bank				646	6	0
				29,679	8	0

Account, in Account with A.S.

1954.

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
By Refunds during the year ...	...			1,922	0	0
Balance as per Balance Sheet ...	...			1,175	0	0
				3,097	0	0

Account.

1954.

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
By Cash Receipts during the year—						
Members subscriptions, etc. ...	20,428	6	0			
Book Sales, etc.	22,419	14	6			
Advances	4,188	5	6			
				47,036	10	0
Books returned	...			179	9	0
Arrears of Members Subscription written off, A.S.	...			964	0	0
Balance as per Balance Sheet ...	...			22,766	4	6

Outstanding	Amount due to the Society			Amount due by the Society			
	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	
Members ...	15,608	0	0	885	13	0	
Publication. ...	9,442	14	6	596	10	0	
Bill Collectors Deposit ...				100	0	0	
Tagore Portrait Fund ...				178	0	0	
Miscellaneous ...	230	0	0	754	3	0	
	25,280	14	6	2,514	10	0	70,946 7 6

STATEMENT No. 29. *Publication Fund Account.*

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Proportionate Share in General Expenditure	...	5,000 0 0
Books returned	...	179 9 0
Journal and Proceedings	...	14,435 7 6
Monograph	...	683 4 0
Printing	...	1,848 14 6
Upper Atmosphere	...	11,417 6 0
Refund	...	20 0 0
Balance as per Balance Sheet—		
Rs. 10,000,3% Victory Loan, 1957	10,000 0 0	
Surplus at date	26,933 12 8	
		36,933 12 8
		70,518 5 8

STATEMENT No. 30. (1) *Deposit Account Provident Fund*

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance from last Account ...	...	5,290 0 0
Deposit of Interest realized from loans during the year	58 14 0	
Deposit of Contributions during the year	3,989 4 0	
Deposit of Advances returned ...	1,922 0 0	
		5,970 2 0
Interest on investments and from Bank		646 6 0
		11,906 8 0

STATEMENT No. 31. (2) *Deposit Account Fixed*

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Balance from last Account ...	...	70,000 0 0
		70,000 0 0

in Account with A.S. *1954.*

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
By Balance from last Account ...	...			37,158	0	2
Grant received during the year ...	...			5,500	0	0
Book Sales	23,430	2	6			
Cash Sale of Publication	4,130	11	0			
				27,560	13	6
Interest realised during the year ...				299	8	0
				70,518	5	8

(Savings Bank Deposit with Imperial Bank of India). *1954.*

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
By Withdrawal for Staff Advances, etc. ...	...			1,602	0	0
Balance as per Balance Sheet ...				10,304	8	0
				11,906	8	0

(Deposit with Imperial Bank of India). *1954.*

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
By Withdrawal during the year ...	...			10,000	0	0
Balance as per Balance Sheet ...	...			60,000	0	0
				70,000	0	0

STATEMENT No. 32. (3) *Investments*

	Rs. As. P.
To Balance from last Account	4,00,400 0 0
	4,00,400 0 0

FUNDS.	Face Value Rs.	
THE ASIATIC SOCIETY		
Permanent Reserve.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	2,53,700	
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	500	
3% War Loan, 1958	5,000	
3½% National Plan Bond	10,100	
Temporary Reserve.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	18,000	
4½% Loan, 1955-60	11,400	2,98,700
Oriental Publication Fund No. 1.		
3% War Loan, 1958	5,000	
3% Victory Loan, 1957	5,000	
Barclay Memorial Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	700	
Servants Pension Fund		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	3,000	
Annandale Memorial Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	4,000	
Permanent Library Endowment Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	14,000	
Sir William Jones Memorial Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	3,000	
Pramathanath Bose Memorial Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	1,800	
Joygobind Law Memorial Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	3,000	
Calcutta Science Congress Prize Fund		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	3,000	
Dr. Brühl Memorial Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	1,000	
Dr. Bimalachurn Law Gold Medal Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	8,000	
Sarat Ch. Roy Medal Fund.		
3% Victory Loan, 1957	4,000	
D. P. Khaitan Memorial Medal Fund.		
3% Loan (1970-75)	10,000	
Sir Jadunath Medal Fund.		
3% Conversion Loan, 1946	8,000	
Publication Fund.		
3% Victory Loan 1957	10,000	
Provident Fund.		
3% Loan (1963-65)	5,200	
3% Victory Loan, 1957	5,000	
3½% Treasury Savings Deposit ...	8,000	1,01,700
		4,00,400

Account. *1954.*

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
Balance as per Balance Sheet ...	...	4,00,400 0 0
		4,00,400 0 0

STATEMENT NO. 33. *Cash.*

For the year ended

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
To						
Balance from last Account ...	...			47,310	10	0
General Fund Account	...			64,188	7	0
Oriental Publication Fund No. 1 Account	...			10,699	0	0
Oriental Publication Fund No. 2 Account	...			2,700	0	0
Sanskrit Manuscripts Fund Account	...			3,200	0	0
Arabic and Persian Manuscripts Fund Account	...			150	0	0
Barclay Memorial Fund Account ...	...			21	0	0
Servants- Pension Fund Account ...	...			89	8	0
Annandale Memorial Fund Account ...	...			119	8	0
Permanent Library Endowment Fund Account	...			539	4	0
Sir William Jones Memorial Fund Account	...			89	8	0
Pramathanath Bose Memorial Fund Account	...			61	0	0
Joygobind Law Memorial Fund Account	...			89	8	0
Calcutta Science Congress Prize Fund Account	...			89	8	0
Dr. Brühl Memorial Fund Account ...	...			37	4	0
Dr. Bimalachurn Law Gold Medal Fund Account	...			247	0	0
Sarat Ch. Roy Medal Fund Account	...			119	8	0
Durga Prasad Khaitan Medal Fund Account	...			306	8	0
Sir Jadunath Medal Fund Account ...	...			247	0	0
Dr. Bimalachurn Law Collection Fund Account	...			7	8	0
Research Fellowship Fund Account	...			7,320	0	0
Historical Publication Fund Account	...			300	0	0
Rajasthani Fund Account ...	...			15	0	0
Preservation of Manuscripts Fund Account	...			150	0	0
Provident Fund Account ...	...			4,048	2	0
Advances Account	...			1,922	0	0
Personal Account	...			47,036	10	0
Publication Fund Account ...	...			9,930	3	0
Savings Bank Deposit Account, Imperial Bank of India, Calcutta ...	...			1,602	0	0
Fixed Deposit Account, Imperial Bank of India, Calcutta	...			10,000	0	0
				2,12,635	8	0

Account. *1954.*

31st December, 1954.

	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P
By						
General Fund Account	...			88,403	4	3
Oriental Publication Fund No. 1 Account	...			7,526	2	9
Oriental Publication Fund No. 2 Account	...			693	4	9
Sanskrit Manuscripts Fund Account	...			5,625	4	0
Arabic and Persian Manuscripts Fund Account	...			4,370	0	0
Barclay Memorial Fund Account ...	...			64	2	0
Servants Pension Fund Account ...	...			156	0	0
Sir William Jones Memorial Fund Account	...			38	12	0
Joy Gobind Law Memorial Fund Account	...			38	12	0
Dr. Bimala Charan Law Gold Medal Fund Account	...			334	13	0
Sir. Jadunath Medal Fund Account ...	...			337	5	0
Research Fellowship Fund Account	...			4,606	4	0
Preservation of Manuscripts Fund Account	...			1,059	1	9
Building Repair Fund Account ...	...			906	1	0
Advances Account	...			1,602	0	0
Personal Account	...			4,553	5	6
Publication Fund Account ...	...			28,405	0	0
Savings Bank Deposit Account, Imperial Bank of India	...			5,970	2	0
Balance as per Balance Sheet—						
In hand	105	1	0			
With the Imperial Bank of India, on Current Account	57,840	13	0			
				57,945	14	0
				2,12,635	8	0

STATEMENT No. 34. *Balance*

As at 31st

LIABILITIES	Rs. As. P.	Rs.	As.	P.
General Fund Account	...	3,14,071	11	1
Oriental Publication Fund No. 1 Account	...	24,860	8	1
Oriental Publication Fund No. 2 Account	...	2,888	9	11
Sanskrit Manuscripts Fund Account	...	1,335	5	1
Arabic and Persian Manuscripts Fund Account	...	7,256	6	6
Barclay Memorial Fund Account	...	897	6	11
Servants Pension Fund Account	...	3,209	12	8
Annandale Memorial Fund Account	...	4,306	8	9
Permanent Library Endowment Fund Account	...	23,567	3	8
Sir William Jones Memorial Fund Account	...	3,230	5	0
Pramathanath Bose Memorial Fund Account	...	2,518	14	9
Joygobind Law Memorial Fund Account	...	3,237	0	6
Calcutta Science Congress Prize Fund Account	...	3,678	1	7
Dr. Brühl Memorial Fund Account	...	1,564	4	0
Dr. Bimalachurn Law Gold Medal Fund Account	...	8,788	11	9
Sarat Ch. Roy Medal Fund Account	...	4,574	11	7
Durga Prasad Khaitan Medal Fund Account	...	11,055	4	6
Sir Jadunath Medal Fund Account	...	8,714	2	9
Dr. Bimalachurn Law Collection Fund Account	...	968	12	6
Research Fellowship Fund Account	...	18,542	8	9
Historical Publication Fund Account	...	22,785	2	3
Rajasthani Fund Account	...	1,778	7	0
Preservation of Manuscripts Fund Account	...	10,877	15	0
Portrait Maintenance Fund Account	...	633	0	0
Building Repairs Fund Account	...	637	7	3
Provident Fund Account	...	29,679	8	0
Personal Account Sundry Liabilities	...	2,514	10	0
Publication Fund Account	...	36,933	12	8
		5,55,106	4	6

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and the appended detailed accounts with the Books and Vouchers presented to us and report that they are in accordance therewith, and in our opinion, set forth correctly the position of the Society as at 31st December, 1954.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE, PEAT & CO.,
Auditors,
Chartered Accountants.

Calcutta, 1st February, 1955

Sheet. *1954.*

December, 1954

ASSETS.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
Advances Account	1,175 0 0	
Personal Account—Outstandings ..	25,280 14 6	
		26,455 14 6
Deposits :—		
Savings Bank Deposit Account Imperial Bank of India ..	10,304 8 0	
Fixed Deposit Account, Imperial Bank of India :—		
Trust Funds	60,000 0 0	
		70,304 8 0
Investments Account :—		
General Fund	2,98,700 0 0	
Trust Funds	1,01,700 0 0	
		4,00,400 0 0
Cash Account :—		
In hand	105 1 0	
With the Imperial Bank of India on Current Account ..	57,840 13 0	
		57,945 14 0
		5,55,106 4 6

K. N. BAGCHI,
Honorary Treasurer

APPENDIX V

ABSTRACT PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL, 1954

Rule 48f.

ACCOMMODATION.—Consideration of a letter of the Secretary, National Institute of the Sciences of India about loan of the hall for 3 days in May 1954, *viz.*, 6th to 8th for holding the meetings of the Institute. (Note.—The dates are free so far and such permission to use the hall of the Society free of charge is being granted all along) Allow free of charge as usual. Council 20, 18-3-54.

Consideration of a letter addressed by Dr. U. P. Basu, requesting free use of the Hall of the Asiatic Society for a Symposium on "River Hooghly" arranged for by the Science Club on 10th and 11th July, 1954. Allow free use of the Hall on the 10th July, 1954. Council 24, 24-6-54.

BIBLIOTHECA INDICA COMMITTEE.—*New Publications.*—Consideration of a report of the General Secretary on the subject of publication of the "Persian Edition of the Ramayana" by Mulla Masihi Panipati on the occasion of the 170th Anniversary of the foundation of the Asiatic Society (as suggested by Prof. Hiralall Chopra). (Note.—The Society's library has a manuscript copy of the Ramayana in Persian by Mulla Masihi Panipati. The text had already been printed.) It appears that two items, *viz.*, Gita by Faizi and Ramayana by Mulla Masihi Panipati had already been published and that Sirr-i-Akbari is being prepared at the Visva-Bharati University for publication. Enquiry is to be made from the Visva-Bharati. B.I. Com. 2, 8-4-54, Council 4, 15-5-54.

Consideration of a letter from the Asst. Registrar (Publications) Visva-Bharati for taking up the publication of "Sirr-i-Akbar"—Ed. by Bikramajit Hasrat by the Asiatic Society. In reply to our letter No. 1747, dated 18th May, 1954, Visva-Bharati wrote—"Dr. Bikramajit had completed . . . Sirr-i-Akbari and its publication expenses were duly sanctioned by the Visva-Bharati Society."...."If the University is unable to find out the money...will the Society take up the publication of the same." The Asiatic Society need not take up Sirr-i-Akbari for publication as the Visva-Bharati accepted the item for printing and publication and got the manuscript ready accordingly. B.I. Com. 7, 10-9-54, Council 7, 17-9-54.

Consideration of a letter of Dr. M. Ghosh, dated 10th September, 1954 intimating that he had made ready the text of the Natyasastra for printing. Accept for publication the text of the Natyasastra as prepared by Dr. M. Ghosh and call for quotations. B.I. Com. 3, 10-9-54, Council 7, 17-9-54.

Item No. 3.—Accept the recommendations, except for Item No. 3 on which final decision is to be made after complete manuscript is received and estimate taken from the Press. B.I. Com. 3, 10-9-54, Council

Miscellaneous.—Consideration of a letter from Dr. Monomohan Ghose, regarding the payment of honorarium to him for editing "Natyasastra, Part 2". (Note.—No payment made so far for this item. 9 formats printed. The manuscript of the book is in the Press. He may be paid a lump sum on account if the B.I. Committee so think fit.) Advance Rs. 200 after referring to the Finance Committee. B.I. Com. 3, 11-1-54, Council 3, 18-1-54.

Consideration of a question of payment of honorarium to Dr. Sukumar Sen for editing the "Manasa-Vijaya". Recommend payment of Rs. 892 in all to be paid out of the O.P. and Fund, No. 1, calculated at the rate of Rs. 3 per page for Introduction and Notes (104 pages) and at the rate of Rs. 2 per page for the text and glossary, etc. (290 pages). Refer to the Finance Committee as an urgent item today. B.I. Com. 2, 9-3-54, Council 6, 18-3-54.

Consideration of an estimate of costs for obtaining photostat copy of the complete copy of the Haya Sirsha Pancharatra, the complete manuscript of which is now available at the Bibliotheque Nationale, Paris. Accept estimate and arrange for the photostat copy. B.I. Com. 3, 9-3-54, Council 6, 18-3-54.

Consideration of a letter from Dr. M. Ghosh, regarding the payment of the balance of the honorarium due to him for editing "Prakrita Kalpataru". Pay Rs. 150 *on account*, residue to be paid on completion of printing. Refer to Finance Committee as an urgent item today. B.I. Com. 4, 9-3-54, Council 6, 18-3-54.

Consideration of a letter from Sri Bhabatosh Bhattacharya, regarding the payment of the balance of the honorarium due to him for editing 'Danasagara'. (Note.—The entire manuscript of the Danasagara is in the press. 448 pages have been printed so far so that the Editor is entitled to Rs. 1,344 only at the rate of Rs. 3 per page but he had received already Rs. 1,725. Only as a special case a lump amount of Rs. 125 may be paid to him as advance in consideration of the fact that he made over the entire manuscript to the Society.) Recommend payment of Rs. 125 as a special case. B.I. Com. 2, 11-5-54, Council 7, 24-5-54.

Consideration of an application of Dr. M. Ghosh about payment of the honorarium due to him for editing the Prakrita Kalpataru. (Note.—The book is nearing completion. He has been paid Rs. 550 up to the present and he may be paid Rs. 200 *on account*.) Recommend payment of Rs. 200. B.I. Com. 4(*a*), 11-5-54, Council 7, 24-5-54.

Consideration of a letter from Pt. Iswar Chandra Sastri, regarding the payment of the honorarium due to him for editing the "Vidhana Parijata". (Note.—27 fms. of Vidhana Parijata (5th Stabaka) has been printed. This comes to 216 pages and so the editing fee comes up to Rs. 648 out of which he was paid in October 1953 Rs. 180 only, so he may be paid Rs. 400 more now.) Pay Rs. 400. B.I. Com. 2, 11-6-54, Council 4, 24-6-54.

Consideration of the financial position of the Oriental Publication Funds Nos. 1 and 2 with special reference to the commitments in respect of publications already undertaken. (Note.—The statement is placed on the table.) Postpone consideration till the next meeting pending supply of information by the General Secretary about likely commitments in relation to the existing serious financial position of the Oriental Publication Funds Nos. 1 and 2. B.I. Com. 2, 13-8-54, Council 4, 23-8-54.

Consideration of the report of the General Secretary about the financial position of the Oriental Publication Funds Nos. 1 and 2, and the future programme of publications to be undertaken if at all for the B.I. Series. (Note.—This matter was placed before the B.I. Committee in August, 1954 and some members wanted further information. Additional information was wanted, *viz.*, a note regarding sale of publications in the Bibliotheca Indica Series is placed on the table for information of the members. From the details supplied it will be clear that it will not be possible for the Asiatic Society to make any further new commitments, regarding publication of items in the Sanskrit or Islamic Section for some time to come.) Record statement and the note which the General Secretary placed on the table, regarding the procedure for crediting the amounts realised through sales of Bibliotheca Indica Series publications. B.I. Com. 2, 4-11-54, Council 6, 11-11-54.

Consideration of a question of approaching the Government for grants for accelerating the progress of publications in the Bibliotheca Indica Series. (Note.—At the last meeting as per statement prepared by the General Secretary it was seen that on account of paucity of funds, no new publication, however urgent, important and unique the same may be, can be undertaken just at present. Hence the attention of the members of the Bibliotheca Indica Committee is being drawn to this matter for necessary suggestions in this connection.) General Secretary is requested to move the Government of India for a grant of Rs. 20,000 during the financial year 1954-55 for publication of hitherto unpublished works of great historical and cultural importance. B.I. Com. 2, 10-12-54. As to item No. 2, the Council decided that the Bibliotheca Indica Committee should be requested to prepare a priority list of publications to be taken up during 1955-56 so that the General Secretary might move the Government of India later for necessary financial aid. Council 7, 17-12-54.

Item No. 2.—Consideration of the recommendations of the B.I. Committee meeting held on the 10th December, 1954. (Note.—Special attention of the members is drawn to item No. 2 of the Minutes of the Bibliotheca Indica Committee meeting held on the 10th December, 1954. Unless details about the publications to be taken up are supplied. The Government of India cannot be moved in this connection.) As to item No. 2, the Council decided that the Bibliotheca Indica Committee should be requested to prepare a priority list of publications to be taken up during 1955-56 so that the General Secretary might move the Government of India later for necessary financial aid. B.I. Com. 2, 10-12-54, Council, 17-12-54.

BUDGET.—Consideration of the Revised Budget Estimates for 1954 and the Budget Estimates for 1955.

Read the letter from the Government of India, Ministry of Education, No. F.30-30/54-A.1, dated 12-11-54.

The Finance Committee considered the letter and resolved as follows:—

(*i*) In reply to the Government letter while forwarding the Budget the attention of Government should be drawn to the fact that the last part of the penultimate paragraph of the General Secretary letter No. 3033, dated 14th October, 1954, was written under a misapprehension. As a matter of fact the question of reducing expenditure and augmenting the income was actively discussed at all the different stages in the different committees and at the General Meeting of the Society, and it is now under active consideration of the Council. But the effect of any practical proposal cannot be reflected in the Budget Estimates for the current year. As much the Government of India, Ministry of Education, are requested to reconsider the views expressed in their letter of the 12th November, 1954 and release the grant for the current year (1954-55).

(*ii*) The Revised Budget Estimates for 1954 and the Budget Estimates for 1955 presented by the Treasurer were amended in regard to certain items of expenditure and were approved and that they be now placed before the Council on the 25th November for adoption.

(*iii*) The Budget Estimates for 1955 be also placed before the General Body of Members in terms of the existing rules.

Special Fin. Com. 22-11-54.

(1) Consideration of the Budget Estimate for 1955. Recommendations of the Special Meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 22nd November, 1954. (Note.—The Draft Budget Estimates placed on the table for adoption.) As per recommendation of the Special Meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 22nd November, 1954, the Draft Budget Estimates as recommended by that Committee were discussed in details and were approved with slight modifications.

(2) The following members are to be added as Members of the Committee constituted by the Council on 11-11-54 to consider the question of reorganisation of the office and library staff of the Asiatic Society :—(1) Dr. S. L. Hora, (2) Mr. S. Banerjee, and (3) Prof. K. P. Chattopadhyaya.

The Committee thus enlarged should therefore consist of :—

(1) The President, (2) The Treasurer, (3) The General Secretary, (4) Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, (5) Dr. B. S. Guha, (6) Dr. A. C. Ukil, (7) Prof. N. C. Bhattacharya, (8) Dr. S. L. Hora, (9) Mr. S. Banerjee, and (10) Jrof. K. P. Chattopadhyaya. Councils 1 and 2, 25-11-54.

CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEES.—*Lecture programme.*—Consideration of the programme of lectures on literary and Scientific subjects for the year 1954. The letters of Dr. U. P. Basu, Dr. S. R. Bose, Dr. K. P. Biswas, Dr. S. L. Hora, Prof. K. P. Chattopadhyaya and Mr. K. P. Khaitan placed on the table for consideration.

(1) Accept Dr. U. P. Basu's suggestion about arranging for a lecture on "Animal *versus* vegetable Protein Food" and request him to speak on the subject on a date suitable to him. As to setting up a machinery for co-ordination of the Scientific and Cultural activities of the City of Calcutta, the matter may be taken up for consideration when a detailed scheme in that connection is available.

(2) As to the letters of Dr. S. R. Bose and Dr. K. P. Biswas, the date of the coming of Dr. Quisambing being uncertain, a lecture may be arranged in consultation with Dr. K. P. Biswas only when the Scholar will be in India.

(3) As to the suggestion of Prof. K. P. Chattopadhyaya, the subject suggested is not considered as suitable for discussion during 1954.

(4) As to the suggestion of Mr. K. P. Khaitan, Dr. Radhabinod Pal and Mr. K. P. Khaitan may be requested to speak on Some Cultural Aspect of the latest Legislative Enactments and Community Projects, and Mr. Asoke Mitra, I.C.S. may requested to speak on "Some Aspects of the Last Census".

(5) In accordance with the verbal suggestion of Dr. A. C. Ukil, General Secretary is requested to arrange for a lecture by Dr. K. V. Krishnan, if possible, in April, 1954.

(6) As to Dr. S. L. Hora's suggestions—

(*a*) About making the programme of meetings more attractive, General Secretary is requested to do the needful in the matter.

(*b*) The recipients of medals may be requested to deliver lectures on suitable subjects, if possible.

(*c*), (*d*), and (*e*). The authorities of the British Council and United States Information Service may be approached for supplying a list of films and a suitable programme, if possible, may be drawn up about showing some suitable films.

(7) The Anthropological Section of the Indian Museum may also be written to with a request about loan of films and talks on interesting Anthropological subjects.

Jt. Meeting of Cultural and Scientific Adv. Comm. 2, 9-1-54, Council 10, 18-3-54.

Preparation of the programme of lectures on Scientific and literary subjects during the months of November and December, 1954.

(1) General Secretary is requested to write to Dr. H. J. Taylor and Dr. N. Dutt Majumdar, Director, Anthropological Survey of India, inviting them to deliver lectures on suitable subjects at the Asiatic Society in November and December, 1954.

(2) The lectures on the following subjects may be fixed up during November, 1954 :—

(*i*) Sri Asoke Mitra on "Fairs and Festivals" in West Bengal. (Illustrated).

(*ii*) Sri Nimalkumar Bose on "Temples of Barakar". (Illustrated).

Cultural and Scientific Adv. Comm. 2, 23-9-54, Council 5, 11-11-54.

Arrangements for Lectures in 1954.—Consideration of the verbal suggestions of Dr. J. N. Mookerjee about holding of interesting discussion meetings on popular topics like—Improvement of Agriculture, Community Projects, etc.

(1) Dr. J. N. Mookerjee is requested to forward his detailed suggestions in this connection, and is requested further to speak on "Improvement of Agriculture" and to communicate a short note on "Synthetic Rice".

(2) Dr. N. K. Bose may be requested to speak on the Ganga Barrage and the River Hooghly.

(3) General Secretary and Dr. S. N. Sen are requested to give talks on "The Educational Problem" and arrange for group discussions.

Jt. Meeting of Cultural and Scientific Adv. Comm. 4, 9-3-54, Council 10, 18-3-54.

Consideration of a letter of Mr. K. S. Srinivasan about fixation of a lecture on "Relations between India and China in the Domain of Art" by Prof. Alfred Salmony of New York University. (Note.—In the meeting of the Council held on 18-3-54 it was decided that the Indian Museum authorities would be requested to arrange for a lecture by Prof. Alfred Salmony on the History of Far Eastern and Indian Art on payment of honorarium. The Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Srinivasan, was written to in this connection and his reply was placed on the table for consideration by the Council.) General Secretary is requested to forward for information and further action, if any, a copy of Mr. K. S. Srinivasan's letter to the authorities concerned. Council 3, 24-6-54.

Symposium on Marco Polo.—Consideration of the question of making suitable arrangements for celebrating the 700th Anniversary of the Travels of Marco Polo in July, 1954 as per decision of the Council made on 24-5-54. (Note.—The Council decision is—"A suitable date is to be fixed by the President about holding a symposium on Marco Polo and his Travels in July preferably. Prominent people of Calcutta are to be invited and a panel of speakers is to be prepared".) (1) The following gentlemen are to be requested to participate in the symposium to be held on a convenient date in July to be fixed by the General Secretary in consultation with the President :—(1) Dr. S. P. Chatterjee, (2) Dr. S. N. Sen, (3) A representative of the Italian Consulate, (4) A representative of the Chinese Consulate. (2) An exhibition of maps and literature may be held and Dr. S. P. Chatterjee is to be requested to get the necessary maps prepared indicating Marco Polo's travels and routes, etc. Sc. & Cult. Adv. Com. 2, 14-6-54.

Other symposia—(1) Consideration of a letter of Dr. J. N. Mukherjee, dated 27-5-54 about holding symposia on (1) Agricultural Improvement, and (2) Problems of Education and their solution as per details contained in that letter. A small committee comprising of the following is to be formed to take appropriate action arising out of a letter of Dr. J. N. Mukherjee :—(1) Dr. J. N. Mukherjee, (2) Dr. A. C. Ukil, and (3) Prof. J. M. Sen. The symposium on "Problems of Education and their solution" is to be held first. Sc. & Cult. Adv. Com. 4, 14-6-54. Council 8, 24-6-54.

(2) Consideration of a letter of Dr. N. K. Bose, dated 25-5-54 in which he stated that the Science Club had arranged for a symposium on the Ganga Barrage and River Hooghly on the 10th July, 1954. Record. Sc. & Cult. Adv. Com. 5, 14-6-54. Council 8, 24-6-54.

Miscellaneous.—Consideration of the suggestions of Dr. A. C. Ukil and Dr. K. N. Bagchi and Dr. U. P. Basu about opening a Social Sciences Section under the auspices of the Scientific Advisory Board in connection with the Circular letter No. F.8-18/53-A.5, dated March, 1954. A Social Sciences Section is to be formed with Prof. Nirmal Bose as the Convener. Prof. Bose is requested to forward a note in this connection for consideration by the Council. Sc. & Cult. Adv. Com. 3, 14-6-54. Council 8, 24-6-54.

Consideration of a question of making some arrangements for placing observers to watch the excavations which are being made at the site of the old Reserve Bank of India, Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta, as per suggestion of Mr. W. G. Pearson. Mr. Devaprasad Ghosh, Prof. J. N. Banerjea and Prof. S. K. Saraswati be requested to inspect the finds at the excavation site of the Reserve Bank of India at Netaji Subhas Road. Sc. & Cult. Adv. Com. 5, 14-6-54, General Secretary is requested to write to the Reserve Bank seeking permission to depute observers. Council 8, 24-6-54.

ELLIOT PRIZE TRUST FUND.—Consideration of a letter No. $\frac{\text{14-F.P.}}{\text{FP-IF. 16/53}}$, dated 12th January, 1954, regarding division of the Elliot Prize Trust Fund between East and West Bengal. (Note.—The interest of the fund was last drawn by the Asiatic Society in 1945. In 1949 the Elliot Prize was awarded to Dr. R. N. Chakravartti as per recommendation of the Trustees and Rs. 240 had to be advanced out of the General Fund of the Asiatic Society in connection with the award for that year. In 1950 the Trustees recommended that the Prize might be awarded to Dr. S. D. Chatterjee but the award could not be made because the Government of West Bengal failed to pass necessary orders authorising the General Secretary to draw the interest of the invested fund from the Accountant-General, West Bengal, in whose custody the fund is at present. This matter is to be referred to the Trustees for decision in the first instance but the attention of the Trustees might be drawn to the fact that an amount of Rs. 480 is due to the Society for meeting the costs of the Elliot Prize awards for the years 1949 and 1950.) (*i*) Refer the matter to the Trustees; (*ii*) The General Secretary is requested to draw the attention of the Trustees to the the decision of the Council of the Asiatic Society to the effect that the Funds relating to the Prize being a *bonafide* endowment vested in a body of Trustees in West Bengal, and the prizes being always awarded by the Asiatic Society since its inception, and the entire invested fund being utilised for encouraging Scientific Researches, cannot be allowed to be partitioned; (*iii*) a division of the assets as proposed will not ensure the proper utilisation of the endowed money in furtherance of the object of the endowment. Council 18, 18-1-54.

FELLOWS MEETING.—Consideration of the recommendations of the Fellows meeting held on 16-1-54. (Note.—Recommendations placed on the table as there was no time to circulate.) Accept the recommendation and put up for voting as per Regulation 17 the name of Professor S. N. Bose for election as an Ordinary Fellow of the Asiatic Society on 1st February, 1954.

As to the recommendation, regarding re-examination of the Regulations with a view to liberalise elections and about convening a meeting of Fellows in that connection the Council decided as follows :—'In view of the fact that the Regulations, regarding Election of Ordinary Fellows were revised very recently, no change in the same is to be made at present till a further trial is given to those in course of the next three years at least.' Fellows meeting 7, 16-1-54. Council 18-1-54.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.—*Grants-in-Aid :* Secretary to report that the Government of India have sanctioned an *ad hoc* grant of Rs. 25,000 for the Asiatic Society's various activities during the year 1953-54. Record. General Secretary is requested to convey thanks to the Government of India. Fin. Com. 7, 8-4-54, Council 7, 15-4-54.

Consideration of a Circular letter No. 23/PG/1830-C, dated 27th May, 1954 issued by the National Institute of Sciences of India about the distribution of grants by the Institute for the year 1954-55. (Note.—The Asiatic Society receives a token grant of Rs. 500 only in aid of the publication of Scientific articles in the Journals of the Asiatic Society. Is the same amount to be applied for or an increased amount is to be asked for?) General Secretary is requested to apply for a token grant of Rs. 500 only. Council 15, 24-6-54.

Consideration of a letter No. F. 30-45/54-A.I, dated 14-10-54 addressed to the Society by the Government of India about submission of the application for grant for the year 1955-56 together with audited accounts, Budget Estimates for the year 1955 and other connected details by the 25th October, 1954 at the latest.

(1) A sub-committee comprising of the members noted below is constituted to scrutinise the Budget Estimates for 1955 and that a meeting of the sub-committee is to be convened on Tuesday, the 9th November, 1954 at 5 p.m.: The President (Dr. S. K. Chatterji), the General Secretary (Prof. J. M. Sen), the Hony. Treasurer (Dr. K. N. Bagchi), Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, Mr. Nirmalkumar Sen, Mr. S. Banerjee, Mr. Sudhansumohan Banerjee, and Dr. S. L. Hora.

(2) General Secretary is requested to convene a meeting of the sub-committee on the date shown above.

(3) The financial year of the Asiatic Society should be changed from the calendar year to the Government financial year, *viz.*, from 1st April to 31st March. Early steps may be taken for implementing this recommendation by making necessary changes in Rules Nos. 41(*f*), 50(*iv*) and other relevant rules and clauses. Fin. Com. 7, 4-11-54, Council 9, 11-11-54.

Consideration of a letter No. F. 30-50/53-A.I, dated 18-10-54 from the Ministry of Education, Government of India, regarding Grant-in-aid for the publication of the Index of the English translation of "Maathir-ul-Umara". (Note.—Government of India has sanctioned a grant of Rs. 5,000 to make a start with the work on condition that twenty copies of the Index, after it is published, as also the English translation of the Maathir-ul-Umara which has already been published by the Society in two volumes, are furnished to the Ministry free of cost. In addition, the Society is to maintain a separate account of all the income and expenditure in respect of the publication of the Index.) Interim grant of Rs. 5,000 for the preparation and publication of the Index be accepted with thanks, and a separate account is to be opened and maintained in pursuance of the Government instruction. Fin. Com. 8, 4-11-54, Council.

Editing fees: Consideration of a question of payment of Rs. 200 as Editor's fee to Dr. M. Ghosh, on account of 'Natyasastra, Part II' as per recommendation of the Bibliotheca Indica Committee, dated 11-1-53. (Note.—Recommendation of the B.I. Committee :—"Advance Rs. 200 to Dr. M. Ghosh after referring the matter to Finance Committee. 9 forms of the book have been printed off.) Accept recommendation of the Bibliotheca Indica Committee and pay to Dr. M. Ghosh Rs. 200 *on account*. Fin. Com. 10, 12-1-54, Council 6, 18-1-54.

Miscellaneous.—Consideration of an application from Collecting Sircar, Dharamdeo Missir, praying postponement of paying loan instalment of Rs. 10 for one month in view of straitened circumstances. (Note.—He was granted a loan of Rs. 150 from the General Fund with order to deduct Rs. 10 each month from his salary. He has paid back two instalments in October and November.) As a special case allow postponement of payment of the instalment for December, the total period of repayment being thus extended by one month. Fin. Com. 9, 12-1-54, Council 6, 18-1-54.

Consideration of an estimate of costs of obtaining a complete photostat copy of the manuscript "Haya Sirsha Pancharatra" from the Bibliotheque Nationale, Paris. (Item of Bibliotheca Committee of 9-3-54 referred to Finance Committee by the Council). (Note.—The Bibliotheca Indica Committee entrusted the editing of the work of Prof. D. C. Bhattacharya and Mr. S. K. Saraswati. The complete Mss. of the work is available in the Bibliotheque Nationale, Paris. On enquiry, the Bibliotheque Nationale informed that a photostat copy of the Mss. can be made available to the Society at a cost of approximately Rs. 240. Manuscripts of the work are rare. The cost may be met from the Oriental Publication Fund No. 1). General Secretary is requested to write to the Bibliotheque Nationale for preparation of a photostat copy at the price quoted. Fin. Com. 4, 8-4-54, Council 7, 15-4-54.

To recommend to the Council—

(1) That the recurring expenditure for the period up to the end of September, 1954 be sanctioned on the basis of the scale sanctioned during 1953.

(2) That the period of appointments of Mr. Rajendrachandra Kar and Mr. Anil Datta on a purely temporary basis be extended up to the end of July 1954 on the existing term.

(3) That the conveyance of the General Secretary be sanctioned up to the end of the Budget period, *viz.*, up to September, 1954.

(Note :—The special Finance Committee which met on the 4th June could not submit their final recommendations, regarding the Budget for 1954. Hence the above recommendations were necessary.)

(1) That pending re-organisation of the establishment of the Asiatic Society, the General Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer be authorised to incur expenditure on different Budget Heads up to the end of September 1954, not exceeding the scale sanctioned for the year 1953. As to the expenditure on salaries, the amount required for payment as annual increments in salaries due during the year 1954, be also sanctioned in excess of the scale of expenditure incurred during 1953.

(2) That the services of Mr. Rajendrachandra Kar and Mr. Anil Datta be retained as a purely temporary measure up to the end of July 1954 on the existing terms.

(3) That the conveyance allowance of the General Secretary be sanctioned up to September, 1954. Fin. Com. 7, 11-6-54, Council 7, 24-6-54.

Air-conditioning Plant.—Consideration of a letter No. F.42-54/51-A.I, dated 5-3-54 from Government of India, Ministry of Education, concerning the Air-conditioning of the Stock Rooms of the Society. General Secretary be authorised to write to the Government of India to the effect that the Society may contribute Rs. 10,000 only as the maximum that can be managed by it. The amount of Rs. 10,000 to be drawn from the Manuscripts Preservation Fund. Government be moved to sanction the entire capital costs, less Rs. 10,000, plus all such costs not specifically stated but mentioned in the estimate forwarded by the Ministry of Education, plus recurring costs for maintenance of the air-conditioning plant.

A Special Committee comprising the following be constituted to look into the estimates and to prepare a note on certain items left out of the estimate forwarded by the Government :—Dr. S. K. Mitra, Mr. Bernard Mathews and Mr. S. M. Banerjee. Fin. Com. 7, 9-3-54. Accept all recommendations with addition of the following words to item No. 7, *viz.*, "the running and" before "maintenance of the air-conditioning plant" at the end of para. 1. Para. 1 of item No. 7 would therefore read as follows :—'General Secretary be authorised to write to the Government of India to the effect that the Society may contribute Rs. 10,000 only as the maximum that can be managed by it. The amount of Rs. 10,000 to be drawn from the Manuscripts Preservation Fund. Government be moved to sanction the entire capital costs, less Rs. 10,000, plus all such costs not specifically stated but mentioned in the estimate forwarded by the Ministry of Education, plus recurring costs for the running and maintenance of the air-conditioning plant.' Council. 18-3-54.

HOARDINGS.—Consideration of a letter, dated 25th November, 1954, of Messrs. Basak & Palit offering Rs. 150 monthly or erecting two hoarding structures. (Note.—Various advertising Agencies were written to for quotations for hoarding rights, out of which only two firms quoted. The highest offer came from the Grant Advertising Agency who agreed to pay Rs. 100 per month. The Council at a meeting held on the 24th May, 1954 rejected the offer considering it as too low. Messrs. Selvel Syndicate offered Rs. 110 per month for the hoarding rights. The

Council at a meeting held on the 16th July, 1954 rejected that offer as too low.) The Council is against the proposal for erection of hoarding structures. Council 5, 17-12-54.

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP.—Consideration of an application for Institutional Membership sent up by the Librarian, University of Rangoon. Accept the Institutional Membership of the Rangoon University Library and report to the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting to be held on the 6th December, 1954. Council 5, 11-11-54.

LEASE.—Consideration of a letter No. 8/791, dated 11/12th February, 1954 about expiry of the lease regarding 1/1, Park Street and realisation of arrears from the lessees. General Secretary is authorised to take action according to legal advice and to search out all papers in connection with the lease and to place them with the Solicitors of the Asiatic Society. Council 14, 15-2-54.

Consideration of a letter, dated 16-8-54 of the Solicitors, Messrs. B. N. Basu & Co., about filing an ejectment suit against Messrs. Shewakram & Sons, regarding 1/1, Park Street, Calcutta. General Secretary is requested to write to the Solicitors instructing them to file an ejectment suit against the lessees of 1/1, Park Street. Council 14, 23-8-54.

Consideration of the steps to be taken in the matter of the termination of the lease of 1/1, Park Street which would expire on the 4th October, 1954. (Note.—This matter was placed before the Council on the 16th July last and the Council decision was as follows :—"General Secretary is requested to follow the advice of Solicitors". Copies of the correspondence that followed after that decision were placed on the table for consideration of the members.) The General Secretary read the relevant correspondence in this connection and the situation was fully explained by him. The action of the General Secretary taken so far approved. The General Secretary is requested to take steps for termination of the lease according to law and to act on the advice of the Solicitors, Messrs. B. N. Basu & Company. Council 17(*a*), 11-11-54.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.—*Air-Conditioning.*—Consideration of a question of co-option of a member to serve on the Special Committee in place of Mr. Bernard Mathews who is away from India. (Note.—As per suggestion of the Finance Committee a Special Committee was constituted in March 1954 for scrutiny of the estimates for air-conditioning and for preparation of a note on items left out of the estimates forwarded by the Government. Mr. Bernard Mathews was appointed as a Member of that Special Committee of which the other two members were Dr. S. K. Mitra and Mr. Sudhansumohan Banerjee. It is now sure that Mr. Bernard Mathews would not be able to serve on the Committee. It is suggested that Mr. Akshoykumar Bose of the firm of Messrs. Ballardie Thomson & Mathews may be appointed a number of the Committee.) Mr. Akshoykumar Bose is to be a member of the Special Committee in place of Mr. Bernard Mathews. Council 4, 24-5-54.

Exchange.—Consideration of a letter from the UNESCO Science Co-operation Office for South Asia, New Delhi-2, *re* exchange of Society's Journal with 'Bibliography of Scientific publication of South Asia'. (Note.—Exchange with Journal, Science, may be recommended.) Exchange with Journal, Science. Lib. Com. 8, 9-3-54, Council 7, 18-3-54.

Consideration of a letter from the Librarian, Marine Biological Station, Oceanographic Institute, Cairo University, Al Ghardaga, Red Sea, Egypt, *re* mutual Exchange of Publications. (Note.—Exchange with Journal, Science, may be recommended). Exchange with Journal, Science. Lib. Com. 9, 9-3-54, Council 7, 18-3-54.

Consideration of a question of establishment of an exchange of the Societys Journal with *Ars Buddhica*, Japan. (Note.—*Ars Buddhica* is entirely in Japanese language. Exchange with Society's Journal, Letters, may be recommended in view of the materials contained in illustrations.) Exchange with Journal, Letters. Lib. Com. 10, 9-3-54, Council 7, 18-3-54.

Consideration of a question of establishment of mutual exchange of the publications with Det Norske Institutt for Kormisk Fyaikk, Bergen, Norway. (Note.—Referred to Dr. D. M. Bose for opinion. Dr. Bose does not recommend exchange.) Send a suitable reply, along with a specimen copy of Journal, Science stating that we have very little of the above kind to offer in exchange. Lib. Com. 6, 8-4-54, Council 5, 15-4-54.

Consideration of a question of receiving mutual exchange with retrospective effect from 1939, with the Institute for Oriental Culture, University of Tokyo, Japan. (Note.—The Society had exchange with *Toyo Bunka* and has the file up to 1938. A resumption of exchange is desirable.) Resume exchange. Lib. Com. 6, 11-5-54, Council 8, 24-5-54.

Consideration of a letter from Prof. Robert Heine-Geldern of Institut fur Volkerkunde der Universitat Wien for reviving mutual exchange of publications. (Note.—The Society had exchange that had stopped since World War II. A resumption of exchange is desirable.) Resume exchange. Lib. Com. 7, 11-5-54, Council 8, 24-5-54.

Consideration of a question of establishing of mutual exchange with the Punjab Government Records Office, Simla. (Note.—The Historical & Archæological Secretary recommends exchange with Journal (Letters). Send specimen copies and request for list. Lib. Com. 4, 11-6-54, Council 5, 24-6-54.

Consideration of a question of establishing mutual exchange with the Bulletin of the National Science Museum, Uneo Park, Tokyo. (Note.—The Natural History Secretary recommends exchange with Journal (Science). Exchange with the Science Section of the Journal. Lib. Com. 4, 9-7-54. Council 4, 16-7-54.

Consideration of a letter from the Archæological Commissioner, Columbo, Ceylon, *re* mutual exchange of publication with retrospective effect from 1924. (Note.—We have received the following publications from them—Annual report 1921-1939; Memoirs—Vols. 1, 2 and 6. A resumption of exchange is desirable with the Journal of the Asiatic Society (Letters). Resume exchange and supply so far available from 1935 (Third Series), with the latter part of the Journal. Lib. Com. 5, 9-7-54, Council 4, 16-7-54.

Consideration of a letter from the Library Congress, Washington-25 D.C. *re* mutual exchange of publications approximately equal in value. 1. Acting Librarian to prepare a list of publications to be exchanged. 2. General Secretary is authorised to take necessary action on the exchange-list to be prepared by the Acting Librarian, and report to the Library Committee. Lib. Com. 10, 13-8-54, Council 5, 23-8-54.

Consideration of a letter from the Librarian, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, to include the back volumes of the Bibliotheca Indica Series and the entire Monograph series of the Asiatic Society in their list of exchange. 1. Decline. 2. Allow a concession of 40% on the purchase of the back volumes of the Bibliotheca Indica Series and the Monograph Series. Lib. Com. 11, 13-8-54, Council 5, 23-8-54.

Consideration of a letter from Sir J. C. Ghosh, Vice-Chancellor of the Calcutta University, regarding exchange of publications on the basis of reciprocity. 1. Postpone consideration; 2. General Secretary to write for the list of publications available for the proposed exchange. Lib. Com. 12, 13-8-54, Council 5, 23-8-54.

Consideration of a letter from the Keeper, Punjab Government Records Office, Simla, *re* mutual exchange of publications. (Note.—Dr. P. C. Gupta, Publication Secretary, recommends exchange of the following publications of the Society with all the volumes in the list :—(1) Journal (Letters) from 1935, (2) Catalogue of Arabic and Persian Mss; (3) Ma'athiru'l-Umara; (4) Sir Wm. Jones Bicentenary Volume, and (5) any other publication of equivalent value the Librarian may recommend. Postponed from the June (1954) meeting of the Library Committee.) Accept suggestion of the Publication Secretary (Dr. P. C. Gupta). Lib. Com. 4, 10-9-54. Council 17-9-54.

Consideration of a question of establishment of exchange of the Journal of the Asiatic Society (Letters) with the *Innsbrucker Beitrage zur Kultur wissenschaft,* Universitat Innsbrucker. Exchange with the *Letters* part of the Journal. Lib. Com. 5, 10-9-54, Council 7, 17-9-54.

Consideration of a question of establishment of exchange of the Journal of the Asiatic Society with some of the French periodicals (mathematical and Natural sciences as well as humanistic and Social sciences) sponsored by the centre Nationale de la Recherche Scientifique, 13 Quai Anatore, Paris-7. (Circ. No. 55). (Note.—Out of 209 Journals only 59, as in the list appended, have been recommended for exchange with the Society's Journal by (1) Dr. D. M. Bose : Nos. 14, 38-40, 43; (2) Dr. H. K. Mookerjee : Nos. 26, 43, 58; (3) Dr. A. C. Ukil : Nos. 10, 26, 41, 43, 58-60; (4) Prof. K. P. Chattopadhyaya : Nos. 93, 108, 116-8, 126, 146; (5) Dr. J. N. Banerjea : Nos. 71, 88, 99-101, 115, 121, 139, 146, 147, 201; (6) Mr. S. Banerjee : Nos. 104, 157, 163, 180; (7) Mr. William Ewan Catto : Nos. 68, 71, 92, 118, 160, 185; (8) Dr. U. N. Ghoshal : Nos. 85, 104, 115, 139, 147, 185, 196, 199; (9) Dr. M. Ghosh : Nos. 85, 107, 113, 116-18, 130, 141-2, 148, 151, 156, 158, 160-1, 166-71, 174, 177, 181-2, 185, 205.) Exchange *Science section* with Group A (mathematical and Natural sciences) and *Letters section* with Group B (humanistic and Social sciences) of the French periodicals, as recommended. (*Vide* list below Appendix "B".) :—

Group A

10 Annales de Parasitologie Humaine and Comparee.
14 Annales des Sciences Naturelles.
26 Bulletin de la Societe Entomologique de France.
38 Comptes-Rendus de la Societe de Biogeographie.
39 Comptes-Rendus Hebdomadaires des Seances de l'Academie des Sciences Gauthier-Villars.
40 Comptes-Rendus des Seances de la Societe de Biologie.
41 Conferences de la Societe d'Encouragement pour l'Industrie Nationale siege de la Societe.
43 Journal de Physiologie.
58 Revue de Mycologie—Laboratoire de Cryptogamie du Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle.
59 Revue de Pathologie Vegetale & d'Entomologie Agricole.
60 Revue d'Immunologie & de Therapie Antimicrobienne.

Group B

68 Annales—Economie—Societes—Civilisations—Armand-Colin.
71 Annales de Geographie—Bulletin de la Societe de Geographie Armand-Colin.
85 Bulletin de la Societe de Linguistique de Paris.
88 Bulletin de la Societe de l'Historire de l'Art Francis.
92 Bulletin de la Societe Nationale des Antiquaires de France.
93 Bulletin de la Societe Prehistorique Francaise.
99 Bulletin Monumental—Societe Francaise l'Archeologie.
100 Bulletins & Memoirs de la Societe d'Anthropologie de Paris.
101 Cahiers Archeologiques—Librarrie Klincksieck—
104 Cahiers de l'Orient Contemporaïn—
107 Cahiers Pedagogieques Pour l'Enseignement du Degre.
108 Comptes-Rendus Sommaires des Seances de l'Institut Francais d'Anthropologie—
113 Etudes d'Art—Publication du Colloque Leonard de Vinci—

115 Journal Asiatique—Recueil public par la Societe Asiatique de Paris Geuthner—

116 Journal de la Societe des Africanistes—

117 Journal de la Societe des Americanistes—

118 Journal de la Societe des Oceanistes—

121 Journal des Savants—

126 L'Annee Sociologique—

130 Le Francais Modenne—

139 Memoires & Bulletin Bibliographique de la Federation des Societes Historiques & Archeologiques de Paris & De l'Ile de France—

141 Politique Etrangere—

142 Pour L'Ere Nouvelle—

146 Revue Archeologique—

147 Revue Archeologique de L'Est & du Centre Est—

148 Revue Critique—

151 Revue d'Assyriologie & d'Archeologie Orientale—

156 Revue d'Egyptologie—

157 Revue de l'Histoire des Religions—

158 Revue de Litterature Comparee—

160 Revue de Musicologie—

161 Revue de Philologie, de Litterature et d'Histoire Ancienne—

163 Revue des Arts et Traditions populaires—

166 Revue des Etudes Anciennes—

167 Revue des Etudes Anglaises—Didier—

168 Revue des Etudes Byzantines—

169 Revue des Etudes Grecques—

170 Revue des Etudes Juives—

171 Revue des Etudes Latines—

174 Revue des Sciences Humaines—

177 Revue d'Esthetique—

180 Revue d'Histoire des Colonies—

181 Revue d'Histoire des Sciences et de leure Applications—

182 Revue d'Histoire du Theatre—

185 Revue d'Histoire Litteraire de la France—

196 Revue Hittite & Asianque—

201 Revue Numismatique les Belles Lettres—

205 Sociologie & Droit Slaves—

Lib. Com. 6, 10-9-54. Council 7, 17-9-54.

Consideration of a question of establishment of exchange of the Journal of the Asiatic Society (Letters) with *Adyar Library Bulletin,* Adyar, Madras-20. (Note.—The Historical and Archæological Secretary recommends exchange with the Journal of the Asiatic Society, *Letters* part.) Exchange with the *Letters* section of the Journal. Lib. Com. 6, 4-11-54. Council 7, 11-11-54.

Consideration of a letter from Royal Danish Exchange Academy of Sciences and Letters, Copenhagen, *re* mutual exchange of serial publications. (Note.—The Royal Danish Academy offers *on exchange* the following publications :—

(1) Oversight over Selskabets Virksomhed.

(2) Historisk-filologiske Meddelelser.

(3) Historisk-filologiske Skrifter.
(4) Arkaeologisk-Kunsthistoriske Meddelelser.
(5) Arkaeologisk-Kunsthistoriske Skrifter.
(6) Matematisk-fysiske Meddelelser.
(7) Biologiske Meddelelser Skrifter.)

Exchange with the Journal (Science & Letters) of the Asiatic Society. Lib. Com. 8, 4-11-54, Council 7, 11-11-54.

Consideration of a letter from the Yale University Library, New Haven, Connecticut, U.S.A., *re* mutual exchange of monograph series. (Note.—Historical and Archæological Secretary recommends exchange with the following Yale Press Monographs :—(1) William Dwight Whitney Linguistic Series (p. 59), (2) Oriental Series—Babylonian texts and Researches (p. 56), (3) Yale Publications in Anthropology (p. 51), (4) Publications *re* The excavations at Dura-Europos (p. 39). Accept the proposal. Lib. Com. 4, 4-11-54, Council 7, 11-11-54.

Consideration of a letter from the Royal Tropical Institute, Amsterdam, regarding mutual exchange of publications. (Note.—1. This Institute was known as *'Royal Colonial Institute'* from 1910—Oct. 1945, and as *'Royal Institute for the Indies'* from Nov. 1945-1950. 2. List of their publications :—

1. Transactions of the Department of Tropical Products.
2. Bulletin of the Dept. of Tropical Products.
3. Transactions of the Dept. of Cultural and Physical Anthropology. (With extra Series.)
4. Transactions of Tropolical Hygiene and Geographical Pathology.
5. Transactions of the Oostkust van Sumatra Institut.
6. Miscellaneous Publications.)

Exchange with the Journal of the Asiatic Society. Lib. Com. 4, 10-12-54, Council 9, 17-12-54.

Consideration of a question of establishment of exchange of the Journal of the Asiatic Society (Letters) with the Journal of the University of Poona, Poona-7. (Note.—The Historical and Archæological Secretary recommends exchange with the Journal (Letters) of the Asiatic Society.) Exchange with the Journal (Letters). Lib. Com. 5, 10-12-54, Council 9, 17-12-54.

Consideration of a letter from the Assistant Secretary, The Royal Society, Burlington House, London, W.1, about the termination from 1st October, 1954 the exchange agreement between the Royal Society of London and the Asiatic Society. (Note.—Postponed from the last meeting. 1. Dr. P. C. Mahalanobis recommends that in view of the scientific importance of the publications of the Royal Society, the Asiatic Society should exchange for these Journals. 2. Royal Society's publications :—(*a*) Philosophical Transactions : Series A. £7-11-0 p.a., Series B. £9-8-6 p.a., (*b*) Proceedings : Series A. £3-5-0 p.a., Series B. £3-5-0 p.a., (*c*) Year Book 15/-; (*d*) Obituary Notices of F.R.S. £1-10-0 (per cart); (*e*) Notes and records. The Society's files of above publications are up-to-date.) Record.

Improvements.—Consideration of suggestions for expediting the work of the Library and communication to the Finance Committee for their incorporation in the Budget for 1955. (Note.—Report *re* Cataloguing of Printed Books in the different sections of the Library of the Asiatic Society. General Section : Catalogued—30,000 (approx.), uncatalogued—35,000 (approx.). In 1934 a printed catalogue of printed books in this section was issued, which is practically a handlist containing author entries without much bibliographical collation. Islamic Section : To be catalogued—3,500. Printed catalogues were issued as follows :—1. Persian in 1895, and 2. Arabic in 1904, Sanskrit Sections : Sanskrit Books catalogued (Cataloguing completed) 3,500. To be catalogued (Bengali Books) 1,600. In 1904 a printed catalogue (practically a handlist) was issued. Hence, it is suggested that we may take up the question of printing subject catalogues (corrected up to 1954), with full bibliographical informations and make provisions (for preparing press copies and publications) in the budget for 1955 to the extent of Rs. 7,000.

In addition to the above item, it is suggested, recommendations may kindly be made for the purchase of the following items for the library of the Asiatic Society :—

1. Microfilm Reader—1	Rs. 900
2. Fans —3	Rs. 900
3. Shelves (if possible)	Rs. 1,000

(1) Approve. (2) Refer to Finance Committee with the request for making special provisions, in addition to Rs. 6,300 for cataloguing, in the budget for 1955 as follows :—(*a*) Publication of subject-catalogue of printed books (corrected up to 1954) Rs. 7,000, (*b*) One microfilm reader, (*c*) three fans, and (*d*) shelves. Lib. Com. 14, 4-11-54. Council 7, 17-11-54.

Loan of Mss.—Consideration of a request from Prof. Durgamohan Bhattacharji for the loan of the Mss. Brahman-Sarvasva (IM. 48 64) from the Library of the Society. Allow loan, on usual terms, against a bond of Rs. 300. Lib. Com. 6, 11-1-54, Council 4, 18-1-54.

Consideration of a report *re* Mss. long overdue.

(Note.—	*Outstanding loan of manuscripts.*	*Date of issue.*
A. Asoke Chatterjee ..	(1) Padmapurana (G.4416) ..	3-8-53
B. Delhi University Library ..	(2) Lalitamadhava-nataka (I-G-8) ..	2-9-53
	(3) Natakacandrika (G.4078) ..	
	(Requests extension up to 1st May, 1954).	
C. Dr. Sukumar Sen ..	(4) Caitanyacarita (G.3736) ..	30-7-53
	(Requests extension up to 31st July, 1954).	
D. Bangiya Sanskrita Siksha Parishad, Calcutta.		
(For the use of MM. Kalipada Tarkacarya, Editor, B.I. Series) ..	(5) Anumanadidhitiprakasa-vyakhya (III F87)	16-1-53
E. MM. Kalipada Tarkacarya (Editor)	(6) Anumanadidhitiprakasa (III G.13)	31-12-52

Follow rules in issuing reminders; extend loan period to Nos. B and C. Lib. Com. 3, 9-3-54, Council 7, 18-3-54.

Consideration of a letter from the Curator, Bhandarkar, Oriental Institute, Poona, for the loan of the following Ms. from the Library of the Society :—Saduktikarnamrita (G.774)—(Note.—As this is the only copy now, the Philological Secretary is of opinion that it is not desirable to lend it out. He has however, no objection to loan against an indemnity bond of Rs. 1,000 only. A microfilm copy of payment of cost may be suggested.) Lend against indemnity bond of Rs. 1,000 only on usual terms. Lib. Com. 6, 9-3-54, Council 7, 18-3-54.

Consideration of a letter from the Director, Oriental Institute, Baroda, for the loan of the eleven Mss. of Ramayana (II A 39; I. B 40; G 393; G. 395; G 5613; G 5689; IM-6786; IM-7677b; IM-7862; IM-7941; IM-8795). (Note.—Manuscripts requested for on loan to be utilised in connection with a standard edition of the

Ramayana. The Philological Secretary recommends loan of two at a time as laid in Regulation 27 of the Library against indemnity bonds, as under :

1.	Ramayana	(Adikanta):	No. II A. 39	Rs. 300
2.	,,	(1st four kandas)	No. I.B. 40	Rs. 400
3.	,,	(Bala kanda)	No. B. 5613	Rs. 500
4.	,,	(,, ,,)	No. 393	Rs. 400
5.	,,	(All Kandaas)	No. 5689	Rs. 1,000
6.	,,	(,, ,,)	No. 393	Rs. 400
7.	,,	(Bala kanda)	No. I.M. 8795	Rs. 300
8.	,,	(,, ,,)	No. I.M. 7862	Rs. 100
9.	,,	(,, ,,)	No. I.M. 6786	Rs. 100
10.	,,	(,, ,,)	No. I.M. 76776	Rs. 100
11.	,,	(Aditya Hridaya)	No. 7981	Rs. 100

As a very special case, 4 (four) at a time may be loaned out under proper indemnity bonds as above. Lib. Com. 7, 9-3-54. Council 7, 18-3-54.

Consideration of a letter from Pandit Narendrachandra Vedantatirtha, (Associate Member and Editor of B.I. Series, of the Asiatic Society), P.O. Champahati, 24-Parganas, for loan of the following Manuscripts from the Library of the Society : (1) Kiranavalitika (IM-9262), (2) Kusumanjali tatparyaviveka (IM-6). (Note.—The manuscripts are required in connection with editing work and the Philological Secretary recommends loan against indemnity bonds of Rs. 400 and Rs. 500 respectively.) Lend on proper bonds as above. Lib. Com. 11, 9-3-54, Council 7, 18-3-54.

Request from Lal Sahib P. C. Bhanja Deo (Member) for the loan of the following two Mss. from the Library of the Society :—(*a*) Nibandha mahatantra (G 3153), (*b*) Svarna-tantra (G 8372). (Note.—The Philological Secretary recommends loan against indemnity bonds of Rs. 700 and Rs. 300 respectively.) Allow loan on usual terms, against indemnity bonds as above. Lib. Com. 7, 8-4-54, Council 5, 15-4-54.

Consideration of an application of Sri P. N. Mehta (Member), Cacutta, about taking out on loan from the Library the following Mss.:—(A) *Sanskrit Mss.*—

(1)	Ratnapariksha	(G 8489)	value	Rs. 200
(2)	Ratnasamhita	(G 4882)	,,	Rs. 600
(3)	Ratnadipika	(G 8265)	,,	Rs. 300
(4)	Ratnasarasamgraha	(G 643)	,,	Rs. 200
(5)	Ratnavali	(I E 22)	,,	Rs. 300
(6)	Ratnadyota	(G 7876)	,,	Rs. 200
(7)	Ratnapariksa	(B 50)	,,	Rs. 300

(Note.—Postponed from the meeting of the Library Committee meeting held in November, 1953, Circ. No. 94). The Philological Secretary recommends loan for the items Nos. 1 to 7 against indemnity bonds for the values mentioned against the manuscripts.)

(B3 *Persian Mss.* : (8) Tangsul Name (p. 1615); (9) Khawasul' Ahjar (p. 1616); (10-12) Muntakhab-Jawahir Name (pp. 1617-1619). *Re* (*a*) Allow loan, two at a time, against indemnity bonds as above. *Re* : (B) Postpone consideration. Lib. Com. 8, 8-4-54, Council 5, 15-4-54.

Request from Professor Chintaharan Chakravarty (Member) for the loan of the manuscript of *Amritabindu* (III.F. 149) from the Library of the Society. (Note.—The Philological Secretary recommends loan against an indemnity bond Rs. 1.000 only. Unique copy.) Regret inability to lend out the manuscript stating that all facilities would be given to Prof. Chakravarti for use of the manuscript in the Society's Library. Lib. Com. 8, 11-5-54, Council 8, 24-5-54.

Consideration of two letters from the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Poona, for the loan of the following manuscripts from the Library of the Society :—(1) *Purvapaksavali* (G. 2859), (2) *Punvagramasabha phakkikottaram* (G. 9465), (3) Yoga-yajnayalkya (G. 8080). Note.—The Philological Secretary recommends loan against indemnity bonds of Rs. 500, 300 and 500 respectively. The Institute has already one manuscript on loan and according to regulations only two manuscripts can be lent out at a time to an individual or to an institution.) Allow loan of the manuscripts, as a special case, against indemnity bonds as above. Lib. Com. 9, 11-5-54, Council 8, 24-5-54.

Consideration of a letter from Maharaja Sayaji Rao University of Baroda for a loan of the manuscript of *Mirat-i-Sikkandari* (No. S.C. 195) from the Library of the Society. (Note.—Loan may be recommended subject to the advice of the Joint Philological Secretary.) Allow loan against an indemnity bond of Rs. 500 only as advised by the Joint Philological Secretary. Lib. Com. 10, 11-5-54, Council 8, 24-5-54.

Consideration of a letter from the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Poona, for the loan of the following Mss. from the Library of the Society :—(1) Nrisimhacampu (G. 11055), (2) Sathasamagamacampu (G. 4030). (Note.—May be lent out on the recommendation of the Philological Secretary.) Allow loan subject to recommendation of Philological Secretary. Lib. Com. 5, 11-6-54, Council 5, 24-6-54.

Consideration of a letter from Dr. V. Raghavan (Member), Madras University, for the loan of the manuscript of *Nritta ratnavali* of Jaya Senapati (G. 1112) from the Library of the Asiatic Society. (Note.—May be out on the recommendation of the Philological Secretary.) Allow loan subject to recommendation of Philological Secretary. Lib. Com. 6, 11-6-54, Council 5, 24-6-54.

Consideration of a letter from the Asst. Librarian, the University of Baroda for the loan of the Mss. *Malfuzat-i-Ahmed Maghribi* (p. 247 S.C.). (Note.—The Jt. Philological Secretary does not recommend loan. *Unique copy.*) Regret. May arrange for photostat or microfilm at the cost of applicant. Lib. Com. 6, 9-7-54. Council 4, 16-7-54.

Consideration of a letter from the Principal, Vidya-Bhavan, Santiniketan, for loan of the following Ms. from the Library of the Society :—1. *Kubjikamatam* (G. 11305). (Note.—The Philological Secretary recommends loan against an indemnity bond of Rs. 600 only.) Allow loan on execution of bond on the usual terms and conditions, as advised by the Philological Secretary. Lib. Com. 7, 9-7-54, Council 4, 16-7-54.

Consideration of a letter from Prof. Durgamohan Bhattacharjee (Member) for the loan of the manuscript of *Balabodhini* requisitioned from the Banaras Sanskrit College. Allow loan on usual terms, up to December 1954. Lib. Com. 6, 13-8-54, Council 5, 23-8-54.

Consideration of a letter from the Librarian, University Library, Muslim University, Aligarh, for the loan of the manuscript, *N'are-fat ul-Madhahib* (SC-1726). (Note.—The Jt. Philological Secretary recommends loan against an indemnity bond of Rs. 300 only.) Allow loan against an indemnity bond of Rs. 300 only as advised by the Jt. Philological Secretary. Lib. Com. 7, 13-8-54, Council 5, 23-8-54.

Consideration of a letter from Prof. N. B. Roy, Visva-Bharati University for the loan of the lithograph copy of *Tabaqat-i-Akbari* from the Library of the Asiatic Society. (Note.—The lithograph copy of the book is required by Prof. Roy in connection with the revision of the translation of the book in the B.I. Series. May be lent out against an indemnity bond of Rs. 100 only.) Allow loan against an indemnity bond of Rs. 100 only on the usual terms. Lib. Com. 8, 13-8-54, Council 5, 23-8-54.

Consideration of a letter from Dr. Sukumar Sen, for the loan of the manuscript, *Krishnamangala of Dvija Govinda* (G. 4134) from the Library of the Asiatic Society. (Note.—The Philological Secretary recommends loan against an indemnity bond of Rs. 300 only.) Allow loan against an indemnity bond of Rs. 300 only under usual terms and conditions. Lib. Com. 14, 13-8-54, Council 5, 23-8-54.

Consideration of a letter from the Librarian, Government Sanskrit College, Banaras, for the loan of the following manuscripts from the library of the Asiatic Society :—(1) *Vyavaharamatrika* (I.A. 28); (2) *Vivadarnavasetu* (II.A. 41); (3) *Dattakadidhiti* (I.B. 21); (4) *Dattakadarpanam* (I.B. 41); (5) *Vyavaharamadhava* (I.D. 5). (Note.—The Philological Secretary recommends loan against indemnity bonds of Rs. 1,000 only in each case under usual terms and conditions.) Allow loan of the manuscripts, two at a time, on usual terms and conditions, against indemnity bonds as advised by the Philological Secretary. Lib. Com. 5, 4-11-54, Council 7, 11-11-54.

Consideration of a letter from the Director, Sanskrit Academy, Osmania University, Hyderabad-7, for the loan of the following manuscripts from the Library of the Asiatic Society :—(1) *Gautamapricchа* (G. 2603, 6712 and 7708), (2) *Sangrahanisutravivarana* (G. 6002, 6906, and 7412). Note.—The Philological Secretary recommends loan of the manuscripts, under usual terms and conditions, against indemnity bond for Rs. 400 each, except G. 6906 which may be issued against an indemnity bond for Rs. 600 only.) Allow loan as advised by the Philological Secretary. Lib. Com. 13, 4-11-54, Council 7, 11-11-54.

Consideration of a letter from Mr. Hiralall Chopra, (Member) for the loan of the following Persian manuscript from the Library of the Asiatic Society :—*Farhang-i-Aurang-Shahi* (Part 2) (P. 1367). (Note.—The Jt. Philological Secretary recommends loan against an indemnity bond of Rs. 400 only.) Allow loan as advised by the Jt. Philological Secretary. Lib. Com. 18, 4-11-54, Council 7, 11-11-54.

Consideration of a report regarding Mss. long overdue (with requests for extension of loan, if any).

(Note.—

		Date of Issue.
Dr. V. Raghavan, Madras ..	1. *Nrittaratnavali* (G. 1112) ..	23-6-51
Grant Advertising Co., Calcutta	2. *Buchanan's drawings*—Book 2, Ms. 10	11-6-51
Do.	3. *Burne's Drawings* (Ms. 20) ..	
Pasupatinath Mehra ..	4. *Ratna Pariksha* (B. 50) ..	7-6-54
Prof. Zahir Ahsan, Patna ..	5. *Diwan-i-Afsus* (U. 48) ..	
	6. *Diwan-i-Wala* (U. 50) ..	18-5-54
Pandit N. C. Vedantirtha ..	7. *Kiranavalitika* (IM-9262) ..	
Do.	8. *Nyaya Kusumanjalikarika-tatparya-viveka* (IM-6) ..	29-3-54
Lytton Library, Muslim University, Aligarh ..	9. Tarikh-i-Firozshahi (CC. 23)	22-3-54

N.B.—1. Reg. 5/25 : "All manuscripts or xylographs shall ordinarily be lent out for a period of six months. Renewal of loan for a further period of six months in two instalments its permissible but manuscripts borrowed must be returned within a year.

2. Dr. Raghavan requests extension of period of loan by 6 months more; and Prof. Absan up to the end of January, 1956. *Re* No. 1—Renew loan for 3 months and re-issue if required. *Re* Nos. 2-4; 7-9—Ask for return. *Re* No. 5-6—Extend loan up to 31st January, 1955. Lib. Com. 3, 10-12-54, Council 9, 17-12-54.

Loan of Books.—Request from Prof. N. B. Roy for permission to borrow books from the Society library in connection with the revision of *Tabaqat-i-Akbari.* Lend 3 books at a time on usual term and conditions, as a special case. Lib. Com. 7, 11-1-54, Council 4, 18-1-54.

Consideration of a letter from Dr. S. P. Chatterjee, Calcutta, University for loan of books and memoirs from the library of the Asiatic Society. In connection with the preparation of a number of maps showing Marco Polo's travels and routes to be exhibited on the occasion of the 700th Birthday Anniversary celebration of Marco Polo in the Asiatic Society. Allow as a special case. Lib. Com. 10, 9-7-54, Council 4, 16-7-54.

Consideration of a letter from Mr. Ajitranjan Bhattacharya, Sir William Jones Research Fellow, for permission to borrow books from the Library of the Asiatic Society. 1. Allow him to borrow books two at a time, as a special case; 2. The question of lending books to Editors and Research Fellows should be brought up before the next meeting of the Council and some general rules be adopted. Lib. Com. 9, 10-9-53, Council 7, 17-9-54.

Photostat copies of Mss.—Consideration of a receipt from Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi for the purchase of photographic copies of the Mr. As-sanaq fi s-sumum wat-tiriyaq maqalahulil-Ma'mum al—'Abbas b. Sa'id alGauhari (Berl. Pet. II. 187; Damascus 2, 88, 39, Jeru s.Hat 69, 10; Bairut 284). Enquire from Berlin, Damascus, Jerusalem and Bairut, regarding the cost. Lib. Com. 8, 9-7-54, Council 4, 16-7-54.

Purchase of books.—Consideration of a letter from Macmillan Co., New York-11, *re* Wheat Loan Fund facilities to the purchase of American books. Postpone consideration. Lib. Com. 4, 9-3-54, Council 7, 18-3-54.

Consideration of a letter from Macmillan Co., New York-11 *re* Wheat Loan Fund facilities to the purchase of American books, postponed from the last meeting of the Library Committee (Item No. 4 of Circ. No. 13). Secretary to write to Government of India, requesting inclusion of the name of the Society in the Wheat Loan Scheme for purchase of books and apparatus from America. Lib. Com. 4, 8-4-54, Council 5, 15-4-54.

Consideration of a letter from the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeo-botany, Lucknow, regarding purchase of Vol. I of the *Palaeo-botanist*. (Note.—Exchange approved with Journal, Science, with effect from 1953. Palaeobotanist commenced publication from 1952, and to complete the file exchange was requested with effect from 1952. This was declined.) Purchase Vol. I to complete the set. Lib. Com. 4, 11-5-54, Council 8, 24-5-54.

Purchase of Manuscripts.—Consideration of a question of purchase of a lot of Persian and Urdu manuscripts from Mr. Khare, Banaras. (Note.—Out of a lot of several manuscripts the following four were selected, according to recommendation of the Jt. Philological Secretary, in the Library Committee in December, 1953 for purchase if prices were reasonable. The dealer has quoted his prices :—(1) Short Persian poetical treatise by Luchmandas—Rs. 10; (2) Askat-al-Tasis, an Arabic geometrical treatise—Rs. 15; (3) Masnavi Saiyed Hasan—Rs. 100; (4) Diwan-i-Nazir Ali (2 vols.)—Rs. 175. The Jt. Philological Secretary does not recommend purchase in view of the high prices quoted.) Accept Jt. Philological Secretary's recommendation. Lib. Com. 5, 9-3-54, Council 7, 18-3-54.

Report that on the recommendation of the Jt. Philological Secretary, the Asiatic Society, the following manuscripts have been purchased for a lump sum of Rs. 50 anly :—(*i*) Short Persian Poetical Works—by Lachman Das; (*ii*) Askat-al-Tasis; (*iii*) Masnavi Sayyed Hasan; (*iv*) Diwan-i-Nazar Ali (2 vols.). Approve purchase. Lib. Com. 3, 13-8-54, Council 5, 23-8-54.

Consideration of a report of the Philological Secretary, regarding purchase of a lot of Avestan and Sanskrit manuscripts. (Note.—The Philological Secretary recommends purchase of the following manuscripts at prices indicated against them :—(*i*) Manuscript containing conjugational tables and lists of Sanskrit roots, Rs. 15; (*ii*) Vridha Canakya, Rs. 10; (*iii*) Sakunasastra, Rs. 15; (*iv*) 11 (eleven) packets of Avestan and Pahlevi Mss., Rs. 100. Purchase. Lib. Com. 4, 13-8-54, Council 5, 23-8-54.

Consideration of a question of purchase of the following Sanskrit manuscripts from Mr. Panchugopal Bhattacharji, Calcutta :—1. Mahabharatam (5 vols.), 2. Ramaynnam (4 vols.), 3. Harivamsam (1 vol.), 4. Adhyatma Ramayanam (1 vol.), 5. Srimad Bhagavatam (1 vol.), 6. Pranatoshini (1 vol.). Note.—The

Philological Secretary recommends purchase for Rs. 100 only.) Purchase at a cost not exceeding Rs. 100. Lib. Com. 10, 10-9-54, Council 7, 17-9-54.

Consideration of a question of purchase of a copy of a Persian manuscript on Yunani medicine. (Dated 1263-67 A.R.), from Mr. Khare, Banaras. (Note.—The Joint Philological Secretary recommends purchase of the manuscript for Rs. 25 or Rs. 30 only.) Purchase price not to exceed Rs. 30. Lib. Com. 11, 10-9-54, Council 7, 17-9-54.

Presentation.—Report that the Asiatic Society has accepted as a gift from the Hansard Society, London, S.W.1, one set of weekly editions of *Hansard,* on payment of the cost of shipping which will be approximately £13. Record. Lib. Com. 12, 4-11-54, Council 7, 11-11-54.

Report that the Asiatic Society has accepted a gift of 99 manuscripts donated in the name of the Pandit Saradaprasad Bhattacharya, Howrah, by his son Mr. Bankimchandra Bhattacharya, Salkia, Howrah.

I. 1. Bhasapariccheda by Visvanatha Pancanana. Dated Saka 1762, 1747 B.S.
2. Paksata etc. Jagadisi.
II. 3. Dayabhaga by Jimutavahan. Dated Saka 1714.
4. Kiranavali by Udayana.
III. 5. Caurapancasat by Sundararajaputra.
6. Dayadhikarakramasangraha by Kṛsna Tarkalankara Bhattacharya.
7. Caurapancasat.
8. Commentary of No. 7.
IV. 9. Saktanandatarangini.
10. Tararahasyam.
11. Vedantasara by Sadananda.
12. Udvahatattva and Vyavaharatattva by Raghunandana Bhattacarya.
V. 13. Nanprakranam.
14. Anandalahari.
15. Saundaryalahari.
16. Naisadham.
17. Naisadhavyahya by Bhavadatta.
VI. 18. Vratakalaviveka by Sulapani.
19. Smriti-tattya by Raghunandana.
20. Mitaksara Comm. on Yajnavalkya.
VII. 21. Harivamsa.
VIII. 22. Ahnikakrtyam.
23. Bhagavadgitavyakhya.
24. Padankadutam by Kranasarvabhauma Bhattacarya.
25. Padankadutatippani by Radhamohana Sarme.
26. Prabodhacandrodayavyakha.
27. Rahasyamṛtakavyam.
IX. 28. Dayabhaga by Jimutabahana with marginal notes.
29. Dayabhagatika.
30. Dayatattvam by Raghunandana Bhattacarya.
X. 31. Rasavijneanam by Atreya.
XI. 32. Sanksiptasaravyakaranaṃ by Kramadisvra with comm. by Bhavanandi.

XII.	33.	Samanyanirukti, Paksata etc. Jagadisi.
	34.	Sanksiptasara vyakarana with vrtti by Bhavanandi.
XIII.	35.	Ramayanam by Valmiki Lankakanda & Uttarakanda.
XIV.	36.	Bhattikavyam with comm.
	37.	Kavikalpadruma with comm. by Vopadeva.
XV.	38.	Prabodnacandrodayam Natakam.
XVI.	39.	Anumiti Didhiti tippani Jagadisi.
XVII.	40.	Adhyatmaramayanam.
XVIII.	41.	Ramayanam by Valmiki. Balakanda to Aranyakanda.
XIX.	42.	Vendatasara by Sadananda.
	43.	Bhagavadgita.
	44.	Vivadabhangarnava by Jagannatha Tarkapancanana.
	45.	Muhurttacintamani by Rama Daivjna.
	46.	Bhagavadgita Ch. 1.
	47.	Nilatantram.
XX.	48.	Bhattikavyam Sargas 1-8.
	49.	Nimalinganusasana by Amarasinha.
XXI.	50.	Kumarasambhavam by Kalidasa. Sargas 1-7.
XXII.	51.	Kavicandrasya Karika.
	52.	Tarkacintamani Didhiti.
XXIII.	53.	Ramalilamrtakavyam by Krsnamohana Bhattacarya with comm.
XXIV.	54.	Prayascittatattviveka by Sulpani.
XXV.	55.	Sabdakhanda : Gadadhari-Mathuri.
	56.	Vyaptigraha Mathuri Tika.
	57.	Padarthatattvam by Raghunathasiromani.
	58.	Sabdasaktiprakasika by Jagadisa.
	59.	Karikavali with Siddhantamuktavali by Visvanatha Tarkapancanana.
	60.	Nyayalilavatitika Mathiru.
XXVI.	61.	Smrtitattvam by Raghunandana.
XXVII.	62.	Tarkacintamani Didhiti-Jagadisi.
XXVIII.	63.	Radhatantram.
	64.	Vedantaparibhasa by Dharmarajadvarindra.
XXIX.	65.	Mahabharata Virata Parva.
	66.	Mahabharata.
	67.	Namalinganusasanam by Amarasinha.
XXX.	68.	Bhagavata X Skandha.
XXXI.	69.	Yajnavalkyasmrti with Mitaksara.
XXXII.	70.	Adhyatmaramayanam.
XXXIII.	71.	Vedantaparibhasa by Dharmarajadhvarindra.
	72.	Kalpataru.
	73.	Parimala.
	74.	Vacaspatyam (Bhamati) by Vacaspati Misra. Dated Samvat 1718.
	75.	Brhmasutrasankarabhasyam.
XXXIV.	76.	Kavyaprakasatika by Mahesvara.
	77.	Samanyalaksanadidhiti tippani.
	78.	Bauddhadhikara vivrti by Raghunathasiromani.

	79.	Dravyakiranavali Mathuri.
	80.	Saktiyada Gadadhari tika.
	81.	Pramanyavada.
	82.	Gunakiranavali Mathuri.
XXXV.	**83.**	Vasavadatta by Subandhu.
	84.	Karakaprakriya.
	85.	Anandalahari.
XXXVI.	**86.**	Karmavipaka.
	87.	Tarkacintamani Anumanakhanda.
	88.	Virataparvakatha.
	89.	Vaisakhamahatmyam.
XXXVII.	**90.**	Navyanyayagrantha : Paksata etc.
XXXVIII.	**91.**	Navyanyayagrantha Paramarsa etc. with Mathuri tika.
XXXIX.	**92.**	Ramayana Valmiki : Uttarakanda.
XL.	**93.**	Navyanyayagrantha.
XLI.	**94.**	Ṣmrtitattva by Raghunandana Bhattacarya.
XLII.	**95.**	Navyanyayagrantha : Kevalanvayi Mathuri, etc.
XLIII.	**96.**	Sanksiptasravyakaram. By Kramdisva.
	97.	Bhattikavyam.
	98.	Bhattikavyatika.
XLIV.	**99.**	Prayascittaviveka by Sulpani.

General Secretary is requested to convey thanks to the donor. Lib. Com. 8, 10-12-54, Council 9, 17-12-54.

Subscription to Outside Journals.—Report that the annual subscription of Library Association Record (Monthly) has been raised to £3-3-0 to £5-5-0 from 1954. (Note.—Library has the file from 1946.) Continue subscription. Lib. Com. 3, 11-1-54, Council 4, 18-1-54.

Consideration of a question of subscribing to the following Journals :—

(*a*) Deep Sea Research. Quarterly. £4-10-0 p.a. (published by Lange Maxwell & Springer Ltd., London.

(*b*) Moariff (Urdu). Azamgarh. Monthly. Rs. 8 p.a.

(*c*) New Indian Antiquary. Monthly. Rs. 20 p.a. (To be published by the Deccan College, Poona).

(Note.—(*a*) Recommended by the Natural History Secretary (Biology), for exchange,

(*b*) Recommended by Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi. The Library used to receive this monthly as a girt. The Society's file comes up to the year 1949, with a few gaps in the series.)

Re (*a*) Exchange with the Journal, Science, as recommended by Dr. H. K. Mukherjee

(*b*) Subscribe. Purchase all the gaps.

(*c*) Postpone consideration till the Journal is published.

Lib. Com. 9, 13-8-54, Council 5, 23-8-54.

Consideration of a question of subscribing to the following journals :—

(1) Gosamvardhana Journal. Bi-monthly. Central Council of Gosam Vardhana, New Delhi. Annual subscription Rs. 4-8 only.

(2) Samiksa. (Quarterly). Journal of the Indian Phycho-analytical Society, Calcutta. Rs. 16 per annum.

(3) Journal of the Music Academy, Madras. Annual subscription Rs. 4.

(4) Journal of the U.P. Historical Society. (From 1st Vol.) only.

(Note.—No. 1 recommended by the Natural History Secretary (Biology); No. 3 by Dr. M. Ghosh, and No. 4 by Dr. U. N. Ghoshal.)

(*a*) Subscribe Nos. 2 and 3.

(*b*) No. 4 (Jl. U.P. Historical Society) may be taken from the beginning in exchange either for our Journal (Letters) from the year of their first publication, or with our other publications of equivalent value.

Lib. Com. 7, 10-9-54, Council 7, 17-9-54.

Miscellaneous.—During the absence on leave of Mr. S. K. Saraswati, as recommended by the Council, the Deputy Librarian, Mr. Sibadas Chaudhuri, be asked to work in the place of Mr. Saraswati on an allowance of Rs. 100 (on hundred rupees only) in addition to his pay. Lib. Com. 2, 30-6-54, Fin. Com. 8, 9-7-54, Council 6, 16-7-54.

That additional grants for purchase of a Laminating Machine and for expediting the installation of the Air-conditioning plant be asked for from the Central Government. Lib. Com. 9, 30-6-54, Council 6, 16-7-54.

Consideration of a letter from Dr. Sakuntala Rao, Sastri, now in Tokyo, for sending a few photographs of the Library of the Asiatic Society. Send some selected prints of photos already taken in connection with the request of the Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi. Lib. Com. 16, 4-11-54, Council 7, 11-11-54.

MEDALS—ADVISORY BOARDS (FORMATION OF):—Formation of the Medal Advisory Boards for the award of the following Medals :—(1) Annandale Memorial Medal; (2) Paul Johanes Brühl Memorial Medal; (3) Pramathanath Bose Memorial Medal, and (4) Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial Gold Medal.

(Note.—	*Amount payable for the preparation of the medal.*
(1) Annandale Memorial Fund	Rs. 306- 8-0
(2) Paul Johannes Brühl Memorial Medal ..	Rs. 64- 4-0
(3) Pramathanath Bose Memorial Medal ..	Rs. 218-14-0
(4) Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial Gold Medal	Rs. 555- 4-0

(1) The Annandale Memorial Medal is to be awarded every three years for conspicuously important contributions to the study of Anthropology in Asia. The Advisory Board "shall comprise not less than seven and not more than eleven members including (1) the Anthropological Secretary, (2) Biological Secretary, (3) the Medical Secretary, and (4) one past recipient of the Medal and such other members as may be appointed by the Council." The last recipient of the Medal was Dr. Verrier Elwin.

(2) The Paul Johannes Brühl Memorial Medal is to be awarded trannially to the author of the most meritorious piece of original research in any branch of Botany with reference to the Indian Empire published during the five years preceding the year of the award. The advisory Board "shall consist of not less than seven and not more than eleven members inclusive of (*a*) The President, Asiatic Society, (*b*) The

Ghosh Professor of Botany, (*c*) The Director, Botanical Survey of India, (*d*) The President, Botany Section, Indian Science Congress Association for the year 1954, (*e*) the Secretary, Natural History Section (Biology), the Asiatic Society, add (*f*) at least one recipient of the medal in the past. The last recipient of the medal was Dr. K. P. Biswas.

(3) The Pramathanath Bose Memorial Medal is to be awarded every three years to a person who has made conspicuously important contributions to practical for theoretical Geology with special reference to Asia. The Advisory Board "shall comprise not less than seven and not more than eleven members including at least two Geological experts, the General Secretary of the Asiatic Society and at least one past recipient of the medal". The last recipient was Dr. J. B. Auden.

(4) The Durga Prasad Khaitan Gold Medal shall be awarded biennially on the person who has made in India a notable and original contribution of Science, including Social Science, to industry during the five years preceding the year of the award. The medal should be awarded alternately to an Industrialist and a Scientist. The Advisory Board shall consist of not less than seven and not more than eleven members including (1) the President, (2) the General Secretary, (3) & (4) the Natural History and Anthropological Secretaries of the Society, (5) the Director, Board of Scientific and Industrial Research or his nominee, (6) at least one Industrialist, (7) the Donor during his life time and (8) a past recipient of the medal. The last recipient was Dr. S. S. Bhatnagar hence the medal is to be bestowed on an Industrialist this year.

Resolved—(1) That the Anandale Memorial Advisory Board be formed comprising of the following members :—(1) Prof. K. P. Chattopadhyaya, (2) Dr. H. K. Mookerjee, (3) Dr. A. C. Ukil, (4) Dr. B. S. Guha. (5) Dr. Verrier Elwin, (6) Prof. Nirmalkumar Bose, and (7) Prof. Churye.

(2) That the Paul Johannes Brühl Memorial Advisory Board would consist of the members named below :—(*a*) The President, Asiatic Society, (*b*) The Ghosh Professor of Botany, (*c*) The Director, Botanical Survey of India, (*d*) the President, Botany Section, Indian Science Congress Association for the year 1954, (*e*) The Secretary, Natural History Section (Biology) Asiatic Society, (*f*) Dr. K. P. Biswas, (*g*) Dr. S. K. Bose, (*h*) Dr. Janaki Ammal, (*i*) Prof. Mahabali, and (*j*) Dr. K. D. Bagchee.

(3) That the Pramathanath Bose Memorial Medal Advisory Board would comprise of the members noted underneath :—(1) Prof. J. M. Sen (General Secretary, Asiatic Society, (2) Prof. Nirmalnath Chatterji, (3) Dr. M. S. Krishnan, (4) Dr. D. N. Wadia, (5) Dr. C. Mahadevan, (6) Dr. P. K. Ghosh, and (7) Dr. M. R. Sahni.

(4) That the Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial Gold Medal Advisory Board is to consist of the following personnel :—(1) The President, (2) The General Secretary, the Asiatic Society, (3) the Natural History (Physical Science Secretary), (4) Anthropological Secretary, (5) The Director, Board of Scientific and Industrial Research or his nominee, (6) Sir Vithal Narayan Chandavarkar, (7) Mr. D. N. Sen (Ex Sherif of Calcutta), (8) The Donor, (9) Nominee of the Donor, (10) Sir J. C. Ghosh. Council 2, 16-7-54.

Consideration of the suggestions, regarding the award of the Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial Gold Medal for the year 1954. (1) Letter, dated 3rd September, 1954 from Mr. K. P. Khaitan, (2) Letter from Col. R. N. Chopra, dated 4th September, 1954, (3) Letter, dated 13th September, 1954 from the Secretary, Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, (4) Letter, dated 15th September, 1954 from Mr. D. N. Sen. The above letters were discussed, and as other nominations are still to come, the matter will be taken up by the relevant Board when it will meet in November. Mr. K. P. Khaitan made a formal proposal to award the medal to Mr. M. Visvesvaraiya. This will also be taken into consideration at the proper time. This suggestion has been made by Mr. Khaitan in view of possible difficulties to award the medal to some prominent industrialist connected with the framing of the Five Years' Plan at this stage. D. P. Khaitan Mem. Medal Adv. Board 2, 17-9-54.

1. Consideration of a question of selection of a suitable awardee for the D. P. Khaitan Memorial Gold Medal to be presented to the recipient at the Annual

General Meeting to be held on the first Monday in February, 1955. (Note.—The medal is to be awarded to a person (industrialist) who has made in India a notable and original contribution of Science, including Social Science, to industry during the five years preceding the year of the award. There is an amount of Rs. 555-4-0 on account of accrued interest for the award of this medal. The names of the previous recipients are given below :—(1) 1946 Mr. G. D. Birla, (2) 1948 Sir J. C. Ghosh, (3) 1950 Mr. Kasturbhai, (4) 1952 Dr. S. Bhatnagar. This item was considered along with item No. 2.

(2) Consideration of the suggestions if any received in this connection : (Note.—The following suggestions have been received :—

No.	*Name of Proposer*	*Name proposed*	*Remarks*
(1)	Mr. K. P. Khaitan, (Member, Medal Advisory Board).	Mr. M. Visvesvaraiya	..
(2)	Col. Sir R. N. Chopra, (Fellow) ..	Lala Shri Ram	..
(3)	Sir Vithal N. Chandavarkar, (Member, Medal Advisory Board).	Mr. M. Visvesvaraiya	..
(4)	Mr. D. N. Sen (Member, Medal Advisory Board).	Lala Shri Ram	..
(5)	Indian Science Congress Association ..	Lala Shri Ram	..

It is decided to recommend the name of Mr. M. Visvesvaraiya for the award of the Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial Gold Medal for his outstanding contribution in the realm of Science and industry.

Sd. U. P. Basu Sd. J. M. Sen Sd. S. K. Chatterji,
President.
D. P. Khaitan Mem. Adv. Board, 8-11-54.

1. Consideration of a question of selection of a suitable awardee for the Pramathanath Bose Memorial Medal to be awarded to the recipient at the Annual General Meeting to be held on the first Monday in February, 1055. (Note.—This medal is to be awarded to a person for conspicuously important contribution to the study of Geology with special reference to Asia. This is an amount of Rs. 218-14-9 accrued on account of interest for the award of this medal. The names of the previous recipients are to be found on p. 137 of the year book for 1952). This item was considered along with item No. 2.

(2) Consideration of any important suggestions received in this connection. (Note.—The following suggestions have been received in this connection :—

No.	*Name of proposer*	*Name proposed.*	*Remarks.*
(1)	Dr. S. L. Hora (Fellow)	Dr. M. S. Krishnan	Details of publications supplied in extenso.
(2)	Dr. Mahadevan (Member, Medal Advisory Board).	Dr. M. S. Krishnan	By wire for "Tectonic structural history of India", and Iron ore resources of S.E. Asia.

We recommend Dr. A. M. Heron for this high honour. His contributions to the furtherance of the knowledge of the Geology of India, particularly of Rajasthan are of outstanding merit.

Sd. S. K. Chatterji, Sd. P. K. Ghosh. Sd. M. R. Sahni. Sd. J. M. Sen.
President.

P. N. Bose Mem. Medal Adv. Board 8-11-54.

Consideration of the recommendations of the following Medal Advisory Boards :—

(1) Annandale Memorial Medal Advisory Board.

(2) Paul Johannes Brühl Memorial Medal Advisory Board.

(3) Pramathanath Bose Memorial Medal Advisory Board.

(4) Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial Gold Medal Advisory Board held on the 8th November, 1954.

(1) Award the Annandale Memorial Medal to Prof. G. H. R. Koeingswald as per recommendation of the Medal Advisory Board.

(2) Award the Paul Johannes Brühl Memorial Medal to Dr. Debabrata Chatterjee as recommended by the Medal Advisory Board.

(3) Award the Pramathanath Bose Memorial Medal to Dr. A. M. Heron as per recommendation of the Pramathanath Bose Memorial Medal Advisory Board.

(4) Award the Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial Gold Medal to Mr. M. Visvesvaraiya as recommended by the Durga Prasad Khaitan Memorial Gold Medal Advisory Board. Council 17, 11-11-54.

MISCELLANEOUS.—*Air-conditioning a portion of Society premises.*—Consideration of a letter No. F.42-54/51-A.I., dated 5-3-54 from the Government of India, Ministry of Education, concerning the Air-conditioning of the Stock rooms of the Society. General Secretary be authorised to write to the Government of India to the effect that the Society may contribute Rs. 10,000 only as the maximum that can be managed by it. The amount of Rs. 10,000 to be drawn from the Manuscripts Preservation Fund. Government be moved to sanction the entire capital costs, less Rs. 10,000 plus all such costs not specifically stated but mentioned in the estimate forwarded by the Ministry of Education, plus recurring costs for maintenance of the air-conditioning plant.

A Special Committee comprising the following be constituted to look into the estimates and to prepare a note on certain items left out of the estimates forwarded by the Government :—Dr. S. K. Mitra, Mr. Bernard Mathews and Mr. S. M. Banerjee. Fin. Com. 7, 9-3-54, Council 9, 18-3-54.

Coins—(Casts of old coins).—Consideration of the letter No. 18-12(Z)54-88, dated the 4th December, 1954, addressed by Prof. N. B. Roy, suggesting that a letter of request may be sent to Rai Bahadur Jadunath Chaudhuri of Malda for preparation of casts of old coins of Bengal Sultans he has in his possession. Accept the suggestion of Prof. N. B. Roy. Council 16(*d*), 17-12-54.

Hoardings.—Consideration of a letter (D.O.) No. 0/514/1/61, dated 5th June, 1954 about the advertising board put up by the Army authorities on the wall facing Chowringhee. (Note.—The Special Committee appointed to examine the financial position of the Asiatic Society suggested that the question of leasing out advertising space available should be looked into and the Council in that connection ordered on 15-2-54, as follows :—"General Secretary be requested to probe into the question of utilising the advertising space on the premises by contacting advertising Agencies and to report as early as possible on all aspects of the question.") In course of enquiry it transpired that there were two advertising boards on the wall of premises No. 1-B, Park Street facing Chowringhee and one of the same had been put up by the Army authorities. The other board which had been put up by the Standard Vacuum Oil Company without permission, had been removed. The reply received from the Army authorities in this matter was placed on the table. In this office nothing is traceable from which it may be presumed that the advertising board was put up by the Army authorities after taking necessary permission from the Asiatic Society. It is to be considered whether further correspondence should be carried on till the board is removed.) In view of the present financial position of the Asiatic Society permission for putting up advertisement board free of charge cannot be granted. Army authorities are to be requested, therefore, to remove the board by 31st July, 1954. Council 2, 24-6-54.

Hony. General Secretary's Allowance.—Consideration of a item relating to the conveyance allowance of the General Secretary referred back by the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the members. (Note.—The Council at its meeting held on 15-2-54 sanctioned conveyance allowance at the rate of Rs. 150 per month from 1-3-54 to 28-2-55 as usual (item No. 7). When the matter was reported to the Monthly General meeting, this item was referred back to the Council with the comment that as the Budget Estimates for 1954 had not yet been approved, the allowance could not be sanctioned for the period beyond 30th April, 1954.) The allowance is sanctioned at the rate of Rs. 150 per month up to 30th April, 1954 and the allowance for the period from 1-5-54 to the end of 1954 is to be included in the Budget Estimates for the year when finally framed. Council 14, 18-3-54.

Indian Science Congress Association.—Consideration of a proposal of the General Secretary about holding a Reception in honour of some of the delegates who attended the Indian Science Congress and are now in Calcutta, on the 19th January, at 4-30 p.m. in co-operation with the Indian Science Congress Association. (*i*) General Secretary be authorised to arrange for the reception in the premises of the Asiatic Society; (*ii*) The Secretary's suggestion about payment of half the expenses, not exceeding Rs. 75 of the Tea Party, the other half being borne by the Indian Science Congress Association, be approved. Council 21, 18-1-54.

Remuneration to Editors.—Consideration of a question of payment of Rs. 892 as honorarium to Dr. Sukumar Sen for editing Manasā-bijaya as per recommendation of the Bibliotheca Indica Committee (Item No. 2, meeting, dated 9-3-54). Pay Rs. 892 as recommended; the amount to be paid out of O.P. Fund No. 1. Fin. Com. 9, 9-3-54, Council 9, 18-3-54.

Consideration of a question of payment of Rs. 150 more *on account* to Dr. M. Ghosh as honorarium for editing the Prakrita Kalpataru, as per recommendation of the Bibliotheca Indica Committee (Item No. 5, meeting, dated 9-3-54). Pay Rs. 150 as recommended, the amount to be paid out of O.P. Fund No. 1. Fin. Com. 10, dated 9-3-54, Council 9, 18-3-54.

Honorarium for Lecturers.—Consideration of a letter of Dr. Stella Kramrisch about arranging for a lecture by Prof. Alfred Salmony on the History of Far Eastern and Indian Art on payment of honorarium. (Note.—There is no fund from which such honorarium may be paid.) (*a*) Regret inability to pay any honorarium; (*b*) As per suggestion of Dr. S. L. Hora a request should be made to the Trustees of the Indian Museum to arrange for a lecture on "Relations between India and China in the Domain of Art" in the Indian Museum on payment of a suitable honorarium, if possible. Council 2, 18-3-54.

Reproduction of drawings.—Consideration of a letter of Dr. S. L. Hora recommending that permission may be given to the Grant Advertising, Inc. to reproduce a few drawings. Loan out the required books and drawings to the firm as per recommendation of Dr. S. L. Hora on getting the usual indemnity bonds, and on realisation of a suitable royalty (to be utilised in preserving the manuscripts). Proper acknowledgement in this connection must be made by the firm in the calendars to be published. Council 23, 18-3-54.

Survey of Manuscript Libraries in Nepal.—Consideration of a letter No. F.30-58/53-H.I., dated 8th January, 1954 addressed by the Deputy Secretary, Government of India, about deputing Mr. S. K. Saraswati for a survey of manuscripts in Nepal. (Note.—This matter was considered by the Council in August, 1953 and the Council decided to move the Government of India for a suitable grant for the purpose in reply to their letter, dated 29th July, 1953.) Record. General Secretary be requested to write in reply to the Government of India regretting inability to contribute anything out of the funds of the Society in view of the present financial condition. Council 16, 18-1-54.

Miscellaneous.—Consideration of a question of drawing up a programme for the Annual General Meeting as the Patron, the Governor of West Bengal, has kindly agreed provisionally to grace the occasion by his presence. (Note.—Draft programme placed on the table for approval.) (*i*) Draft programme as modified approved; (*ii*) A Service to be held at 8-30 a.m. on the 1st February, 1954 at the grave of Sir William Jones, at which time a wreath is to be laid on the tombstone by the President of the Society, Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji; (*iii*) Honorary Secretary, Christian Burial Board to be informed, so that restoration of the tomb may be completed before that date. Council 2, 18-1-54.

Consideration of a letter, dated 9th January, 1954 addressed by the Joint Honorary Secretary, South Park Street Cemetery Restoration Fund Committee about contributing Rs. 550 for restoration of the *tomb of Sir William Jones.* (Note.—This matter was considered by the Council in November, 1953 (*vide* Circ. No. 77) and it was decided that some representative members of the Society would meet the representatives of the Christian Burial Board and that meeting was held on the 7th December, 1953. Proceedings of the Conference placed on the table for consideration.) (*i*) The Society will contribute Rs. 550 plus the cost of a mrable plaque not exceeding Rs. 50; (*ii*) The amount is to be made available by inviting donations from the Members and by paying the balance out of the General Funds of the Asiatic Society; (*iii*) The new plaque is to contain an inscription in carved letters as follows: RESTORED BY THE ASIATIC SOCIETY, JANUARY, *1954;* (*v*) Letter to be written to the Christian Burial Board accordingly so that the work of restoration may be completed on or before 30th January, 1954. Council 14, 18-1-54.

Consideration of a letter, dated 9th January, 1954 addressed to the General Secretary by Principal Said Ahmed Akberabadi, recommending Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi as the Scholar-Supervisor to guide the Casey Research Fellow, Janab Abdul Mannan. Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi be requested to guide the research of the Casey Research Fellow as Scholar-Supervisor. Council 15, 18-1-54.

Consideration of a report by Dr. Sukumar Sen, regarding verification of the stock of publications done by Mr. N. Gupta. (Note.—In this connection orders will have to be passed about continuation of the appointment of Mr. Rajendrachandra Kar in the General Office as the Publication Assistant in place of Mr. N. Gupta, and of Mr. Anilkumar Datta as the Cataloguer in the library, in place of Mr. Rajendrachandra Kar transferred to the General Office. Dr. Sukumar Sen reported that it would take him about one week more to submit the final report.)

As recommended by the General Secretary the temporary appointments of Mr. Rajendrachandra Kar as the Publication Assistant of the General Office on his present pay and of Mr. Anilkumar Datta as Technical Assistant in the library in place of Mr. Rajendrachandra Kar transferred to the General Office, are to be continued in their respective posts until further orders and that Mr. N. Gupta is to continue as the stock-verifying and Sales Assistant on his own substantive pay of Rs. 1,251 plus the usual D.A. only without any special allowance. Council 8, 15-2-54.

Consideration of a letter of Mr. M. D. Chatterji about arrangement for research on Yoga and connected matters. Mr. M. D. Chatterji may be informed, with regret, that the Society cannot accept his suggestion about research on the practical side of Yoga. Jt. Meeting of Cultural and Scientific Adv. Comm. 3, 9-3-54, Council 10, 18-3-54.

Consideration of the recommendation of Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi about getting a photographic copy of the manuscript of "Shifia Al Ghalil" prepared at a cost of Rs. 8 per folio for the use of the Library of the Society. To be put up before the next Finance Committee with complete estimates in rupees. Council 17, 18-3-54.

Consideration of a report of the General Secretary to the effect that as desired by the Vice-Chancellor of the Calcutta University, Mr. S. K. Saraswati, Librarian, has been allowed to deliver a course of ten lectures during the month of April, 1954 to the students studying the Ancient Indian History and Culture Course at the University. (Note,—Letter of the President with the report of the General Secretary placed on the table for consideration.) Approve as a special case action taken by the General Secretary as per direction of the President. Council 2, 15-4-54.

Consideration of the latest letter of the Ministry of Education about suitably celebrating the 700th Anniversary of the birth of Marco Polo at a convenient time during 1954. (Note.—At the instance of the President, this matter was placed before the Council meeting in April, 1954 and the Council decided that the matter was to be referred to the Cultural Advisory Committee. That Committee did not meet in May, 1954. In the meantime this letter had been addressed to the Society.) A suitable date is to be fixed by the President in consultation with other members about holding a symposium on Marco Polo and his Travels in July preferably. Prominent people of Calcutta are to be invited and a panel of speakers is to be prepared. Dr. S. P. Chatterjee, Head of the Geography Department, Calcutta University, may be requested to prepare a map of Marco Polo's Travels, Chinese, Italian, Russian and other people of countries through which Marco Polo passed are to be invited. Council 14, 24-5-54.

Consideration of the report of the General Secretary about changing the library hours from 12 noon to 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. to 5 p.m. for Muslim members of the staff during the period of Ramzan. (Note.—This practice is in vogue over since the office hours were changed from 10 a.m.—5 p.m. to 12 noon—7 p.m.). Approve action taken by the General Secretary. Council 16, 24-5-54.

Consideration of a letter, dated 15th June, 1954 addressed by the Assistant Social Science Officer, UNESCO about establishment of mutual exchange relationship with the UNESCO in respect of the Social Science Bibliographies issued periodically by the UNESCO. Consideration of the question of mutual exchange is postponed pending receipt of a specimen copy. Council 19, 24-6-54.

Consideration of a post-card letter No. 3138, dated 7th June, 1954 addressed by the Librarian, National Library, requesting free supply of the Catalogues of printed books and Mss. in the library of the Asiatic Society. (Note.—The price of the catalogues will amount to Rs. 27 only.) Supply Catalogues not exceeding Rs. 27 in value. Council 23, 24-6-54.

Calcutta Microfilm Service, for taking 62 photographs and 20 extra copies of different subjects and departments of the Asiatic Society for Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs, Information and Broadcasting, bill No. P236-54, dated 12-11-54. (Note.—The photographs were taken according to the order from the Council. No Budget prevention was made at that time. These photographs were taken by Messrs. Calcutta Microfilm Company for use by the Press Information Bureau, Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs for publicity in foreign countries.) 1. Pay. 2. General Secretary is requested to move the Government of India (Ministry of External Affairs, if necessary, through the Ministry of Education) to make a special grant in order to enable the Asiatic Society to reimburse the amount spent. Fin. Com. 3(*b*), 10-12-54, Council 10, 17-12-54.

Consideration of a question of placing two Council Members in charge of the arrangements for the Annual General Meeting to be held on the 1st Monday in February, 1955. (Note.—Last year Dr. U. P. Basu and Mr. N. K. Sen were placed in charge of the arrangements for the Annual General Meeting held in 1954.) Dr. U. P. Basu, Mr. N. K. Sen, and Dr. K. P. Biswas are to be requested to be in charge of the arrangements for the Annual General Meeting to be held on the 7th February, 1955. Council 11, 17-13-54.

Consideration of a letter of Dr. S. L. Hora about preparation of a Joygovinda Law Memorial Medal for him, costs to be paid by him. (Note.—Dr. S. L. Hora was to be recipient of the Medal in 1944. The medal awarded to him at the time was not at all of the pattern presented to Mr. Salim Ali last year. So Dr. Hora wants a medal prepared of the same pattern for being preserved by him. The question to be considered is whether a medal once awarded can be melted and a fresh medal (even though it be of a smaller value) awarded. Also whether a second medal can be awarded if the recipient agrees to meet the cost.) The Council regrets that the request of Dr. S. L. Hora cannot be complied with. Council 16(*a*), 17-12-54.

Consideration of a printed Circular letter issued by the Editor of the proposed publications entitled "Historical Abstracts" asking for co-operation of the Asiatic Society by either forwarding reprints of historical articles published in the Journals of the Society or abstracts of the same for incorporation in the Historical Abstracts Bulletin. Librarian is to be requested to compile a list of reprints of articles of historical interest as well as of issues which contain historical articles prior to 1915. Council 16(*b*), 17-12-54.

Consideration of a letter of Rev. C. R. Lama. dated 11th December. 1954 offering his services in connection with the preparation of the Catalogue of Tibetan manuscripts. Refer the matter to the Library Committee. Council 16(*c*), 17-12-54.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.—*Monograph.*—Consideration of the question of publication of a monograph entitled "Early History and Culture of Kashmir" by Dr. Sunilchandra Roy. (Note.—The referee recommends its publication and desires a personal interview with the author at the Society for some minor corrections in the text of the work.) Publish if the necessary amount for meeting the costs of publication is paid by the author. Pub. Com. 4, 13-8-54, Council 6, 23-8-54.

Papers.—The following papers were approved by the Publication Committee and the Council on different dates as shown below :—

Manuscripts of Ibn Battuta's Rehla in Paris by Dr. Mahdi Hasan. Pub. Com. 2(*a*), 11-1-54, Council 5, 18-1-54.

A note on Bhismastami or the Anniversary of Bhisma's expiry by Prof. P. C. Sen Gupta. Pub. Com. 2(*b*), 11-1-54, Council 5, 18-1-54.

The Svarga-Khanda of the Padma-Purana—a critical analysis by Mr. Asoke Chatterjee. Pub. Com. 2(*c*), 11-1-54, Council 5, 18-1-54.

Royal Charters and administrative documents in Ancient India, by Dr. Sukumar Sen. Journal. Pub. Com. 2(*a*), 9-3-54, Council 8, 18-3-54.

Daulat Kazi and his language by Mr. Satyendranath Ghosal. Journal. Pub. Com. 2(*d*), 9-3-54, Council 8, 18-3-54.

Vangiya Sahitya Parisat Plate of Visvarupasena by Dr. D. C. Sircar. Journal. Pub. Com. 2(*a*), 9-3-53, Council 8, 18-3-54.

Madanapara plate of Visvarupasena by Dr. D. C. Sircar. Journal. Pub. Com. 2(*f*), 9-3-54, Council 8, 18-3-54.

The authorship of the latter half of the Kumarasambhava by Prof. Sivaprasad Bhattacharyya. Journal. Pub. Com. 2(*g*), 9-3-54, Council 8, 18-3-54.

The Totos—a Sub-Himalayan tribe by Dr. Charuchandra Sanyal. Publish the article in one single issue of the Journal (Science part). Pub. Com. 2(*a*), 8-4-54, Council 6, 15-4-54.

Some interesting anecdotes of Sher Singh from the rare Persian Mss. of Tazkirat-ul-Mulak by Prof. N. B. Roy. Publish in the Journal (Letters part). Pub. Com. 2(*b*), 8-4-54, Council 6, 15-4-54.

Science and Health of India by Dr. A. C. Ukil. Publish the whole paper in one issue of the Journal if the referee (Dr. K. N. Bagchi) recommends publication. Pub. Com. 2, 11-6-54, Council 6, 24-6-54.

Parallel thought and Unitary Biology by Mr. Jack Lindsay. Publish. Pub. Com. 2, 11-6-54, Council 6, 24-6-54.

The Neo-Buddhistic nucleus in Alamkarasastra by Prof. Sivaprasad Bhattacharyye, Publish. Pub, Com, 2, 11-6-54, Council 6, 24-6-54, A Study on growth and development of the Bengalee Woman Students by Mr. A. Chatterjee. Journal. Pub. Com. 2, 13-8-54. Journal, after the title of the article has been changed so as to be more explicit as to the subject matter of the paper in question. Council 6, 23-8-54.

Parallels and Opposites in Indian Iconography by Mr. C. Sivaramamurti. with necessary plates. (Communicated by Dr. J. N. Banerjea.) Accept for publication the item in question and call for estimates. The paper is to be published only and not to be read and a suitable number of copies to be printed separately for sale. Pub. Com. 2, 10-9-54, Council 8, 17-9-54.

Fish in Jataka Sculptures by Dr. S. L. Hora. Journal. Pub. Com. 6, 10-12-54. Council 8, 17-12-54.

Mahabharata—a history by Prof. P. C. Sengupta. Journal. The title of the article is to be changed as per recommendation of the referee. Pub. Com. 7(*b*), 4-11-54, Council 8, 11-11-54.

Hindu College by Dr. R. C. Majumdar. Journal Pub. Com. 7(*a*), 4-11-54, Council 8, 11-11-54.

Reviews.—Consideration of a question of publication of a review entitled 'Studies in Medieval Indian History' by Dr. U. N. Ghoshal. Refer to President. Pub. Com. 3, 11-1-54, Council 5, 18-1-54.

Selection of a reviewer for "Dharmapadam" by Srimat Pragmaloka Mahasthabira and Bhikku Anumdarsi. Dr. Sukumar Sen be requested to review the book. Pub. Com. 7(*a*), 11-1-54, Council 5. 18-1-54.

Consideration of a question of publication of the following reviews by Dr. Monomohan Ghose :—(*a*) The Vidūṣaka : the theory and practice; (*b*) Bāṅglār Saṅgit (Note.—Referee recommends their publication.) Journal. Pub. Com. 3, 9-3-54, Council 8, 18-3-54.

Selection of reviewers for the following publications :—(*a*) Kottanimatam by Prof. Tridibnath Roy, (*b*) Sacrifice in the Ṛgveda by Mr. K. R. Poddar. Dr. S K. De is to be requested to review the first (*a*); and Prof. Haridas Bhattacharyya to review the second (*b*). Pub. Com. 4, 9-3-54, Council 8, 18-3-54.

Selection of a reviewer for 'The History and Culture of the Indian People', Vol. III (classical Age) published by the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Bombay. General Secretary is requested to write to Mr. C. Sivaramamurti to write out a review of the volume. Pub. Com. 2, 11-5-54, Council 9, 24-5-54.

Selection of reviewer for the publication 'Dara Shikuh : Life and Works by Dr. B. Hasrat. (Note.—As the book is costly, no extra copy for review is available. There is a copy of the book at the Library.) Request Dr. S. N. Sen to kindly review the book after consulting the Library copy which is to be returned after the writing of the review is complete. Pub. Com. 4, 11-6-54, Council 6, 24-6-54.

Consideration of a question of publication of the review of the book "The Bahamanis of the Deccan" (author Mr. Haroon Khan Sherwani) written by Dr. Sukumar Roy. Publish. Pub. Com. 6(*b*), Council 6, 24-6-54.

Consideration of a qestion of publication of the review entitled "Susruta, Caraka and Bharata" and A Comparative Study of Greek and Indian Poetics and Aesthetics" by Dr. S. K. De. Accept for publication. Pub. Com. 3, 10-9-54, Council 8, 17-9-54.

Consideration of the letters from the Oxford University Press seeking special permission to forward one copy only of the following books to this Office for review purposes :—(*a*) "The English Factories in India—Vol. III" by Sir Charles Fawcett; (*b*) "Tribal Myths of Orissa" by Dr. Verrier Elwin. General Secretary is requested to write to the Oxford University Press, requesting supply of one copy only for review purposes of the two books referred to above. The reviewers are to be requested to return the books to the library after the reviews are made ready by them. Dr. S. N. Sen is to be requested to review the English Factories in India, Vol. III by Sir Charles Fawcett and Prof. Nirmalkumar Bose to review "Tribal Myths of Orissa" by Dr. Verrier Elwin. Pub. Com. 4, 10-9-54, Council 8, 17-9-54.

Buddhist Hybrid Sanskrit Grammar and Dictionary (Author, Dr. F. Egerton) by Dr. Roerich. Journal. Pub. Com. 3(*b*), 4-11-54, Council 8, 17-9-54.

Selection of reviewers for the following books :—(1) Dara Sukoh by Dr. K. R. Qanungo. Dr. Sukumar Roy is to be requested to review the book; (2) The Grammatical Structure of Dravidian languages, by Dr. Jules Bloch. Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji is to be requested to review the book; (3) Nagpur Affairs, Vol. I by Mr. T. S. Shejwalkar. Dr. P. C. Gupta is to be requested to review the book; (4) Kavikalpadruma of Vopadeva by Mr. Gajanan Balkrishna Palsule. Dr. Sukumar Sen is to be requested to review the book : (5) The Parji Language by Dr. T. Burrow and Mr. S. Bhattacharyya. Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji is to be requested to review the book. Pub. Com. 8(1-5), 10-12-54, Council 8, 17-12-54.

New Publications.—Consideration of the publication of Introduction, Index, etc. of the 'Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Mss.' by Prof. Chintaharan Chakravarty. (Note.—Referee recommends publication.) Publish. Pub. Com. 2, 9-7-54, Council 5, 16-7-54.

Miscellaneous.—Consideration of the question of sanctioning extra expenditure for the publication of "Raghunandan's Indebtedness to his Predecessors" by Mr. Bhabatosh Bhattacharyya. Call for estimates of cost and refer to the Finance Committee. Pub. Com. 4, 11-1-54, Council 5, 18-1-54.

Consideration of a letter from Prof. Hiralal Chopra, regarding the publication of the Persian translation of the following Sanskrit texts on the occasion of the 170th Anniversary of foundation of the Asiatic Society :—(1) Sirr-i-Akbar—Dara Shiko's Persian rendering of the Upanishads, (2) Gita by Faizi, (3) Ramayana by Mulla Masihi Panipati. General Secretary be requested to arrange for exhibiting items (1) and (2) in a monthly meeting of the Asiatic Society. As to (2) Librarian to report. Pub. Com. 5, 11-1-54, Council 5, 18-1-54.

Consideration of a letter from the Oxford Book Centre, Ajmer, praying for appointment as selling agents for the publications of the Asiatic Society. (Note.—The letter is placed on the table.) General Secretary is requested to make enquiries about the party and to reply in the meantime mentioning the usual discount of 25% to be allowed on cash purchases made by the party. Pub. Com. 5, 9-3-54, Council 8, 18-3-54.

Consideration of a question of publication of a preface to the "Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Mss." by Dr. P. B. Chakravarti, Philological Secretary (Dr. Sukumar Sen) is requested to scrutinise the preface and advise as to whether the same is to be printed as it is or not. Pub. Com. 8, 9-3-54, Council 8, 18-3-54.

Consideration of a letter from the Editor of the 'East and West' for a copy of "Sadharma Pundarika Sutra" by Dr. N. Dutt for review. General Secretary is requested to forward a copy for review. Pub. Com. 4, 8-4-54, Council 6, 15-4-54.

Consideration of a letter of Dr. S. L. Hora about supplying to him some missing numbers of the Journals and Year Book. (Note.—The question of availability of the numbers wanted may be decided with reference to the note, regarding the issues which are in stock.) (*a*) Available numbers of the Journal are to be supplied to Dr. S. L. Hora free of charge, (*b*) The copies offered by Dr. S. L. Hora for return are to be received back and acknowledged, and (*c*) Available issues of the Memoirs are to be supplied to Dr. S. L. Hora at the usual concessional rates. Pub. Com. 5, 11-5-54, Council 9, 24-5-54.

Consideration of a letter from the Vishveshvaranand Vedic Research Institute with a request for supplying of a number of Journals of the Asiatic Society free of charge. (Note.—The letter is placed on the table.) Supply missing numbers

(Letters issues) if available. Postpone consideration of the question of exchange for the present. Pub. Com. 3, 11-6-54, Council 6, 24-6-54.

Consideration of the publication of Introduction, Index, etc. of the 'Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Mss.' by Prof. Chintaharan Chakravarty. (Note.—The referee recommends publication.) Publish. Pub. Com. 2, 9-7-54, Council 5, 16-7-54.

Consideration of a letter from Bharatiya Sahitya Bhavan, regarding a special discount on their purchase of 20 sets of Ain-i-Akbari (English translation) 3 vols. from the Society. (Note.—Ordinary 25% discount is allowed to Book-sellers, price of 20 sets of Ain-i-Akbari at Rs. 60 per set is Rs. 1,200.) 33⅓% discount may be allowed for this transaction only as a special case, provided cash payment is made. Fin. Com. 4, 13-8-54, Council 6, 23-8-54.

Consideration of a letter from the Deputy Librarian, National Library for supplying them with a few sets of catalogues published by the Asiatic Society. Pub. Com. 10, 13-8-54, Councl 6, 23-8-54.

Consideration of a letter from the Secretary, Indian National Commission for co-operation with UNESCO for giving publicity to a number of UNESCO publications. The letter is to be placed in the Reading Room of the Library and a copy to be posted on the notice board. Pub. Com. 7, 10-7-54, Council 8, 17-9-54.

Consideration of a letter of Dr. J. N. Banerjea about publication in the Journal (Letters part) the bibliography of Indological publications prepared by Mr. Shibdas Chaudhuri. Publish as an appendix to the Journal, Letters part. Pub. Com. 8, 10-9-54, Council 8, 17-9-54.

Examination of a question of extension of the services of the temporary Publication Assistant, Mr. Rajendrachandra Kar after 30th September, 1954. (Note.—As per recommendation of the Publication Committee meeting held on 17-8-54, the Council decided that the services of Rajendra Babu should not be extended on the expiry of his present term of appointment on 30-9-54. When the matter was reported to the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on the 6th September, 1954, the members referred the matter to the Council and the appropriate Committee for re-consideration.) After full consideration of the question it was decided that a small committee consisting of Dr. A. C. Ukil, Dr. K. N. Bagchi, Dr. Sukumar Sen and Dr. P. C. Gupta would kindly meet Mr. Rajendrachandra Kar and have his explanation as to certain matters in connection with his work. The date and time for meeting Mr. Rajendrachandra Kar are to be fixed by Dr. A. C. Ukil in consultation with Dr. K. N. Bagchi, Dr. Sukumar Sen and Dr. P. C. Gupta and their report is to be placed before the next meeting of the Council on 17-9-54. Pub. Com. 9, 10-9-54, Council 8, 17-9-54.

Consideration of the report of the General Secretary about Mr. Rajendrachandra Kar, the temporary Publication Assistant, about whom the Council decided that his services were to be terminated on 30-9-54, and that he would make over charge to the Superintendent on 1-10-54. (Note.—Mr. Rajendrachandra Kar at first did not like to hand over charge but ultimately made over charge of his duties as the temporary publication Assistant to the Superintendent after the Pujah holidays. As per direction of the President he is since assisting the Librarian in the work allotted to him.) Refer the matter to the Council. Pub. Com. 5, 4-11-54, Council 8, 11-11-54.

Consideration of a question of entrusting the work of preparation of the index of the Maathir-ul-Umara for which the Government of India sanctioned a grant in the first instance of a sum of Rs. 5,000. (Note.—English translation of the Maathir-ul-Umara edited by Dr. Baini Prasad had been published. It was felt that an Indeex volume of the translation should be prepared and published under the auspices of the Asiatic Society so the Government of India was moved for a grant of Rs. 15,000 for the preparation and printing of the Index. Subsequently the request for the grant was reduced to one for Rs. 12,000 instead of for Rs. 15,000. The Government sanctioned an amount of Rs. 5,000 in the first instance during 1954-55 so that the work of preparation of the Index may be taken up early. The translator of the 2nd volume, Dr. Baini Prasad may be requested to commence the work if the Publication Committee decide so.) Dr. Baini Prasad is to be requested to prepare the Index volume on an honorarium to be fixed in consultation with him. Pub. Com. 6, 4-11-54, Council 8, 11-11-54.

Consideration of the report of the General Secretary about the submission of the manuscript of the Catalogue of Sanskrit manuscripts on Philosophy, Vyakarana, Dharmasastra, etc. prepared by Dr. Pulinbehari Chakravartty. (Note.—The manuscript has been sent to a printing concern for preparation of estimate.) Record. Pub. Com. 7(*a*), 4-11-54, Council 8, 11-11-54.

REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES.—Consideration of a Circular letter No. F. 7-53.CA-3, dated 23-11-53 addressed by the Secretary, Indian Historical Records Commission about the Thirtieth Session of the Commission to be held at Hyderabad in February, 1954. (Circ. No. 1 of 1954.) Record. Council 19, 18-1-54.

Consideration of a question of appointment of two delegates to represent the Asiatic Society at the Fifty-eighth Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science at Philadelphia. (Note.—The name of Dr. Kalidas Nag was forwarded during 1953 for representing the Asiatic Society at the 57th Session of the Academy.) Council regretted that no representatives could be nominated this year. Council 12, 15-2-54.

Consideration of the report from Dr. U. N. Ghoshal, regarding the 30th Session of the Indian Historical Records Commission and the 22nd Session of the Research and Publication Committee of the Commission at Hyderabad which he attended as a representative of the Asiatic Society. Council 16, 15-2-54.

Consideration of a letter of the Registrar, Calcutta University, about nomination of a representative of the Asiatic Society to serve on the Sarojini Basu Gold Medal Committee constituted by the Calcutta University. (Note.—Dr. Sukumar Sen was nominated to serve on this Committee during 1953.) Dr. Sukumar Sen is nominated to serve on the Sarojini Basu Gold Medal Committee constituted by the Calcutta University for the year 1954 as the representative of the Asiatic Society. Council 4, dated 18-3-54.

Consideration of a letter, dated 29th April, 1954 about nomination of a representative of the Society to attend the Eighth International Botanical Congress to be held in Paris during the period 2nd to 18th July, 1954. General Secretary is requested to enquire from Dr. K. P. Biswas and if none is available then a suitable message may be prepared by either Dr. K. P. Biswas or Dr. S. R. Bose for being forwarded to the organisers of the Congress. Council 18, 18-3-54.

Consideration of a letter, dated 20th April, 1954 about nomination of a representative of the Society to serve on the Special Committee for selection of a Scholar for appointment to the Raghunath Prosad Nopany Lectureship. (Note.—The lectureship is for encouragement of research work, regarding the history, culture and past glories of Rajasthan. Six lectures are to be delivered in Bengali or English.) Dr. Pratulchandra Gupta would represent the Asiatic Society on the Special Committee. Council 2, 24-5-54.

Consideration of a letter, dated 26-4-54 of the Registrar, Calcutta University, about nomination of a representative of the Asiatic Society to serve on the Special Committee for selection of a scholar for appointment as Rai Bahadur Motilal Halwasiya Lecturer. (Note.—The proposed lectureship is for encouragement of researches about the language, literature, history and culture of Rajasthan. The Lecturer appointed would have to deliver at least 3 lectures in Bengali or English.) Dr. Sukumar Sen would represent the Asiatic Society on the Special Committee. Council 6, 24-5-54.

Consideration of a letter, dated 7th August, 1954 of the General Secretary of the Indian Science Congress Association about appointment of delegates for participating in the Session of the Association to be held at Baroda. (Note.—Last year the following members were nominated : Dr. M. N. Saha, Dr. S. K. Mitra, Dr. S. L. Hora, Dr. S. C. Law, Dr. D. M. Bose, Dr. B. S. Guha, Dr. K. N. Bagchi, Dr. A. C.

Ukil, Dr. U. P. Basu, and Prof. J. M. Sen.) The Council nominated Dr. M. N. Saha, Dr. S. L. Hora, Dr. D. M. Bose, Dr. K. N. Bagchi, Dr. A. C. Ukil, Dr. U. P. Basu, Prof. J. M. Sen, Dr. J. L. Bhaduri, Dr. H. K. Mookerjee and Dr. K. P. Biswas to represent the Asiatic Society at the ensuing Session of the Indian Science Congress Association. Council 2, 23-8-54.

Consideration of a circular letter of the Secretary, Indian History Congress, dated 28th August, 1954 inviting the Asiatic Society to send representatives to attend the Seventeenth Session of the Indian History Congress to be held at Ahmedabad on 27th to 29th December, 1954. (Note.—At the last session of the Indian History Congress held at Waltair, the Asiatic Society nominated the following members to represent the Society :—(1) Dr. R. K. Mookerjee, (2) Dr. U. N. Ghoshal, (3) Dr. J. N. Banerjea, (4) Dr. N. P. Chakravarty, (5) Dr. R. C. Majumdar, (6) Dr. Surendranath Sen, (7) Dr. P. C. Gupta, (8) Dr. Sukumar Sen, (9) Dr. C. C. Das Gupta, (10) Mr. Chhotelal Jain, and (11) Mr. S. K. Saraswati.) All the above gentlemen may be requested to represent the Society if they are attending the Conference (without any financial responsibility of the Society), and the General Secretary, in consultation with the President, is requested to add some more suitable names if these are suggested. Council 2, 17-9-54.

Consideration of a letter, dated 28th October, 1954 of the Secretary of the National Institute of Sciences of India about nomination of two representatives of the Asiatic Society to serve on the Council of the National Institute of Sciences of India as an Additional Vice-President and an Additional Member respectively during 1955. (Note.—Representatives of the Society during the past five years were as follows :—

For 1950	..	Dr. S. K. Mitra and Dr. J. L. Bhaduri.
„ 1951	..	Dr. K. N. Bagchi and Dr. J. L. Bhaduri
„ 1952	..	Dr. K. N. Bagchi and Dr. A. C. Ukil
„ 1953	..	Dr. S. P. Agharkar and Dr. U. P. Basu
„ 1954	..	Dr. H. K. Mookerjee and Dr. U. P. Basu)

Dr. D. M. Bose unanimously accepted for the Additional Vice-Presidentship. For the Additional Membership, 3 names were proposed—Dr. H. S. Pruthi, Dr. B. C. Kundu, and Dr. B. S. Guha. These names were ballotted. Result : 8 for Dr. B. S. Guha, 2 for Dr. B. C. Kundu and 1 for Dr. H. S. Pruthi, 1 blank; Dr. B. S. Guha declared elected.

The representatives of the Asiatic Society for 1955 on the Council of the National Institute of the Sciences of India as Additional Vice-President and Additional Member respectively will be Dr. D. M. Bose and Dr. B. S. Guha. Council 2, 11-11-54.

Consideration of a letter No. 3955/54-55, dated 23rd October, 1954 about participation in the celebration of the 150th year of the foundation of the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society. Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji, the President, will represent the Asiatic Society at the celebration. Council 3, 11-1-54.

Consideration of the recommendations of the Library Committee meeting held on the 4th November, 1954. (Note.—Special attention of the Council members is drawn to items Nos. 2, 9 and 14 of the meeting of the Library Committee held on the 4th November, 1954.) Accept all other recommendations except item No. 10 which is modified as follows :—Dr. U. N. Ghoshal, an Associate Member of the Indian Historical Commission as a representative of the Asiatic Society, is to be requested to attend the next session of the Commission with a few selected exhibits to be chosen by Dr. U. N. Ghoshal in consultation with Dr. P. C. Gupta, Dr. N. K. Sinha and Dr. S. P. Sen. If Dr. U. N. Ghoshal cannot attend the session due to any reason, then the exhibits will be taken charge of by one of the three, *viz.*, Dr. P. C. Gupta, Dr. N. K. Sinha and Dr. S. P. Sen to be nominated by the President. Council 2, 11-11-54.

Consideration of a letter of Mr. Sisirkumar Mitra, intimating that he will attend the 17th Session of the Indian History Congress to be held at Ahmedabad and also expressing a desire to represent the Asiatic Society at the Congress. The name of Mr. Sisirkumar Mitra may be added to the list of those who would represent the Asiatic Society at the 17th Session of the Indian History Congress. Council 4, 17-12-54.

RESIDENT FELLOWS.—*Voting Papers.*—Opening of the sealed envelopes received as per direction of the Chairman of the meeting and appointment of two scrutineers for scrutiny of the ballot papers. (Note.—20 sealed covers have been received. There are five vacancies to be filled up. Only those getting 16 votes, (*i.e.*, three-fourth majority, are entitled to be elected under the Regulations).

(*i*) The Chairman appointed Dr. Sukumar Sen and Dr. J. L. Bhaduri as scrutineers and handed over to them 20 voting papers.

(*ii*) The scrutineers reported—

Dr. K. D. Bagchi	11
Prof. S. N. Bose	17
Dr. J. B. Chaudhuri	8
Dr. P. C. Gupta	4
Prof. H. K. Mookerjee	12
Mr. T. N. Ramachandran	13
Dr. D. C. Sircar	5

20 voting papers received. One not in order 19 in order. Result of voting as indicated above. Only one candidate Prof. S. N. Bose has qualified for election according to Regulation No. 13. The counting of votes showed that Prof. S. N. Bose was the only candidate qualified for election.

(*iii*) The Fellows recommended that he be put up for election.

(*iv*) The Fellows noted the results with deep regret and recommended that the Regulations be re-examined with a view to liberalise elections. For this purpose, a Fellows meeting may be convened as early as possible.

Resident Fellows meeting 2, dated 16-1-54, Council 7, 18-1-54.

Nomination.—Scrutiny of the Nomination papers received up to 1st October, 1954 and issuing of necessary directions to the General Secretary about the despatch of the Voting Papers by 1st November, 1954. (Note.—Five Nomination papers have been received. The nomination papers will have to be scrutnised as per direction of the Chairman of the meeting.)

Nomination papers were received in respect of the three candidates :

1. Mookerjee, H. K., Dr.
2. Ramachandran, T. N., Mr.
3. Sircar, D. C., Dr.

(A) The nomination papers were scrutinised as per direction of the Chairman and were found in order.

(B) General Secretary was authorised to send out the voting paper containing all the three names as per Regulation 10.

Resident Fellows meeting 2, 13-10-54, Council 2, 11-11-54.

HONORARY FELLOWS.—Consideration of the nominations for Honorary Fellowship of the Asiatic Society forwarded by (1) Dr. S. L. Hora and Dr. J. N. Banerjea, (2) Dr. Sukumar Sen and Dr. P. C. Gupta, and (3) Dr. K. N. Bagchi and Prof. J. M. Sen. (Note.—Under Regulation 6 of the Regulations, regarding Election of Honorary Fellows, the nominations received are to be considered and votes would have to be recorded. Three names have been duly proposed and seconded, *viz.*, (1) Dr. J. Ph. Vogel, (2) Mr. Jogeshchandra Roy and (3) Sir Rudolph A. Feters.

REGULATION IV (6) states :—The nominations must be placed before the Council meeting to be held in September for consideration and the name of only that candidate who gets the highest number of votes and more than *three-fourths* of the majority of votes cast in that Council meeting, will be circulated to the General Body of Members as an item in the agenda of the Monthly General Meeting to be held either in November or December.

The name of Mr. Jogeshchandra Roy was unanimously accepted for circulation to the General Body of Members at the next Monthly General Meeting to be held on Monday, the 1st November, 1954. Council 3, 17-9-54.

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS.—*Renewal.*—Consideration of the question of extension of the period of Fellowship of the Sir William Jones Research Fellow for one year as per recommendation of the Scholar-Supervisor. (Note.—Government of West Bengal sanctioned the grant of Rs. 7,200 for the four Research Fellowships for the year 1953-54 and so the Sir William Jones Research Fellowship may be renewed for a year as recommended by the Scholar-Supervisor, as the present Research Fellow is doing useful work which should be completed.

Casey Research Fellow is absenting himself without notice for a long time and is not taking instructions from the Scholar-Supervisor, Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi, or the Joint Philological Secretary. No honorarium has been claimed by or paid to the Research Fellow so far. Fresh advertisements may be inserted inviting applications for Casey Research Fellowship and a committee may be appointed for scrutinising the applications and interviewing the candidates called for interview : (1) Extend the period of the Sir William Jones Fellowship held by Mr. Ajitranjan Bhattacharyya for one year with effect from 1st March, 1954 as per recommendation of the Scholar-Supervisor. (2) Terminate the Fellowship of the Casey Research Fellow and insert advertisements inviting applications for the Fellowship. Council 10, 15-4-54.

Consideration of a question of renewal of the term of Research Fellowship of the Raja Rajendralala Mitra Research Fellow, Miss Sudhamayi Sengupta, for one year with effect from 1-6-54 as per recommendation of the Scholar-Supervisor, Dr. N. Dutt. (Note.—Last year as per recommendation of the Selection Committee, Miss Sudhamayi Sengupta was appointed as the Raja Rajendralala Mitra Research Fellowship in Buddhistic studies. According to Regulations a Research Fellowship may be renewed for a maximum term of 3 years on the recommendation of the Supervisor-Scholar. The present incumbent will complete one year of Fellowship on 31-5-54 and the scholar under when she is continuing her researches, recommended that the Fellowship should be renewed for a year with effect from 1-6-54.) Extend Fellowship or one year with effect from 1-6-54 as per recommendation of the Scholar-Supervisor and report to the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting to be held on 7-6-54. Council 3, 24-5-54.

Selection Committee.—Consideration of a question of inviting or not other applications for the James Prinsep and Casey Research Fellowships. (Note.—As per decision of the Council made on the 1st April, 1954, advertisements were inserted inviting applications for the two Research Fellowships and only 4 applications have been received for the James Prinsep Research Fellowship and only 2 applications for the Casey Research Fellowship.) Refer the above applications to two small Committees. The following members are appointed to serve on the Selection Committee :—(*i*) for James Prinsep Research Fellowship—Dr. J. N. Banerjea, Dr. U. N. Ghoshal and Dr. Sukumar Sen; (*ii*) for R. G. Casey Research Fellowship—Dr. J. N. Banerjea, Mr. Akberabadi and Dr. P. C. Gupta. Council 11, 17-9-54.

Miscellaneous.—Consideration of a verbal report of the General Secretary about the expiry of the Research Fellowship of the James Prinsep Research Fellow on 30-6-54. Advertise. Pay to the present James Prinsep Research Fellow, Mr. Arabinda Ghosh, the balance of the honorarium due on receipt of the favourable report of the Supervisor-Scholar and the manuscript embodying the results of the research. Council 25, 24-6-54.

Consideration of a letter, dated 17-12-54 of Miss Sudhamayi Sengupta, Raja Rajendralala Mitra Research Fellow, praying for leave for a fortnight to enable her to attend the Indian History Congress and visit places of historical interest. Leave as prayed for sanctioned. Council 16(*g*), 17-12-54.

SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—*Programme of lectures for 1954.*—Consideration of a programme of lectures on literary and scientific subjects for the year 1954. (The letters of Dr. U. P. Basu, Dr. S. R. Bose, Dr. K. P. Biswas, Dr. S. L. Hora, Prof. K. P. Chattopadhyaya, and Mr. K. P. Khaitan placed on the table for consideration). Accept Dr. U. P. Basu's suggestion about arranging for a lecture on "Animal *versus* Vegetable protein Food". As to setting up a machinery for co-ordination of the scientific and cultural activities of the city of Calcutta, the matter may be taken up for consideration when a detailed scheme in this connection is available, (2) As to the suggestion of Mr. K. P. Khaitan, Dr. Radhabinod Pal and Mr. K. P. Khaitan may be requested to speak on Some Cultural Aspect of the latest Legislative Enactments and Community Projects, and Mr. Asoke Mitra, I.C.S. may be requested to speak on Some Asect of the Last Census, (3) In accordance with the verbal suggestion of Dr. A. C. Ukil, General Secretary is requested to arrange for a lecture by Dr. K. V. Krishnan, if possible in April, 1954, (4) The recipients of medals may be requested to deliver lectures on suitable subjects, if possible, (5) The authorities of the British Council and United States Information Service may be approached for supplying a list of films and a suitable programme, if possible, may be drawn up about showing some suitable films, (6) The Anthropological Section of the Indian Museum may also be written to with a request about loan of films and talks on interesting Anthropological subjects. Cult. & Sc. Adv. Com. 2, 9-3-54, Council 10, 18-3-54.

Discussion meetings and Symposium.—Consideration of the verbal suggestions of Dr. J. N. Mukherjee about holding of interesting discussion meetings on popular topics like—Improvement of Agriculture, Community Projects, etc. (1) Dr. J. N. Mukherjee is requested to forward his detailed suggestions in this connection, and is requested further to speak on "Improvement of Agriculture" and to communicate a short note on "Synthetic Rise", (2) Dr. N. K. Bose may be requested to speak on the Ganga Barrage and the River Hooghly, (3) General Secretary and Dr. S. N. Sen are requested to give talks on "The Educational Problems" and arrange for group discussions. Cult. & Sc. Adv. Com. 4. Accept recommendations. Add under item No. 4 : That a symposium on the topic—"Man's Right to Knowledge and the Free use Thereof"—as suggested by the University of Columbia Bicentenary Committee is to be arranged for to synchronise with the Columbia University celebrations and suitable scholars are to be invited to take part in the same. Council 10, 18-3-54.

Miscellaneous.—Consideration of a letter of Mr. M. D. Chatterji about arrangement for research on Yoga and connected matters. Mr. M. D. Chatterji may be informed, with regret, that the Society cannot accept his suggestion about research on the practical side of Yoga. Cult. & Sc. Adv. Com. 3, Council 10, 18-3-54.

Symposia.—Consideration of the question of making suitable arrangements for celebrating the 700th Anniversary of the Travels of Marco Polo in July, 1954 as per decision of the Council made on 24-5-54. (Note.—The Council decision is "A suitable date is to be fixed by the President about holding a symposium on Marco Polo and his Travels in July preferably. Prominent people of Calcutta are to be invited and a panel of speakers is to be prepared".) (1) The following gentlemen are to be requested to participate in the symposium to be held on a convenient date in July to be fixed by the General Secretary, in consultation with the President :—(1) Dr. S. P. Chatterjee, (2) Dr. S. N. Sen, (3) A representative of the Italian Consulate, (4) A representative of the Chinese Consulate. (2) An exhibition of maps and literature may be held and Dr. S. P. Chatterjee is to be requested to get the necessary maps prepared indicating Marco Polo's Travels and Routes, etc. Cult. & Sc. Adv. Com. 2, 14-6-54. Further ordered that incidental expenses in connection with the preparation of maps, etc. to be exhibited on the occasion of the 700th Birthday Anniversary Celebration of Marco Polo in July 1954 be sanctioned. Council 8, 24-6-54.

Consideration of the letter of Dr. J. N. Mukherjee, dated 27-5-54 about holding symposia on (1) Agricultural Improvement, and (2) Problems of Education and their solution as details contained in that letter. A small committee comprising of the following is to be formed to take appropriate action arising out of the letter of Dr. J. N. Mukherjee :—(1) Dr. J. N. Mukherjee, (2) Dr. A. C. Ukil, and (3) Prof. J. M. Sen. The symposium on "Problems of Education and their solution" is to be held first. Cult. & Sc. Adv. Com. 4, 14-6-54, Council 8, 24-6-54.

Consideration of a letter of Dr. N. K. Bose, dated 25-5-54 in which he stated that the Science Club had arranged for a symposium on the Ganga Barrage and the River Hooghly on the 10th July, 1954. Record. Cult. & Sc. Adv. Com. 5, 14-6-54, Council 8, 24-6-54.

Miscellaneous.—Consideration of the suggestions of Dr. A. C. Ukil and Dr. K. N. Bagchi and Dr. U. P. Basu about opening a Social Sciences Section under the auspices of the Scientific Advisory Board in connection with the Circular letter No. F.8-18/53-A.5, of March, 1951. A Social Sciences Section is to be formed with Prof. Nirmal Bose as the Convener. Prof. Bose is requested to forward a note in this connection for consideration by the Council. Cult. & Sc. Adv. Com. 3, 14-6-54, Council 8, 24-6-54.

Consideration of a question of making some arrangements for placing observers to watch the excavations which are being made at the site of the old Reserve Bank of India, Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta, as per suggestion of Mr. W. G. Pearson. Mr. Devaprasad Ghosh, Prof. J. N. Banerjea, and Prof. S. K. Saraswati be requested to inspect the finds at the excavation site of the Reserve Bank of India at Netaji Subhas Road. Cult. & Sc. Adv. Com. 6, 14-6-54. General Secretary is requested to write to the Reserve Bank seeking permission to depute observers. Council 8, 24-6-54.

STAFF.—RE-ORGANISATION—FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL.—On 21st October, 1953, the Council appointed a Special Committee comprising of the following to examine the financial position of the Asiatic Society in order to suggest ways and means for augmenting the income and reducing the expenditure, as at the time of the preparation of the Budget estimates for 1954, it was seen that the financial condition of the Asiatic Society was very unsatisfactory :—

(1) The President (Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji),

(2) The Hony. Treasurer (Dr. K. N. Bagchi),

(3) The General Secretary (Prof. J. M. Sen),

(4) Mr. Ashfaque Husain,

(5) Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, and

(6) Sir L. P. Misra.

Subsequently Mr. S. Banerjee and Mr. Sudhansumohan Banerjee were co-opted and requested to attend the meetings of the Special Committee which held several sittings and submitted their preliminary recommendations at the meeting held on the 4th June, 1954. The recommendations were considered by the members of the Library Committee at a special meeting held on the 30th June, 1954. Another meeting of the Special Committee was held on the 7th July, 1954 for consideration of the suggestions of the Special meeting of the Library Committee held on the 30th June, 1954. The recommendations of the meeting of the Special Committee held on the 7th July, 1954 were further examined by the Finance Committee at a meeting held on the 9th July, 1954 and by the Council at their meeting held on the 16th July, 1954 the recommendations of the Special Committee and Finance Committees were considered and then the Council finalised the proposals, regarding re-organisation of the General Office and the Library staff of the Asiatic Society and about augmentation of the income of the Society.

The members of the Society met at three general meetings held on the 2nd August, 6th September and 20th September, 1954 to consider the decisions of the Council made at their meeting held on the 16h July, 1954, and on the last day (20th September) passed the following resolution—

> "This General Meeting requests the Council to reconsider their decisions about reorganisation of the General Office and the Library in the light of the discussions held at the General Meetings on the 2nd August, 6th September and 20th September, 1954".

The Council in 1954, appointed a Special Committee to consider the above question of reorganisation. The Special Committee consisted of the following :— (1) Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji (President), (2) Dr. K. N. Bagchi (Treasurer), (3) Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, (4) Dr. B. S. Guha, (5) Dr. A. C. Ukil, (6) Prof. N. C. Bhattacharyya, (7) Dr. S. L. Hora, (8) Mr. S. Banerjea, (9) Prof. K. P. Chattopadhyaya, and (10) Prof. J. M. Sen.

The first meeting of the reconstituted Special Committee was held on the 3rd December, 1954, and the Committee met again on the 16th and 24th December, 1954, and submitted their recommendations for consideration of the Finance Committee in January, 1955. The Finance Committee perused them on the 14th January and considered them carefully at two other meetings held on the 19th and 25th January, 1955. The recommendations of the Finance Committee have been given *seriatis* under the different categories marked C.F. and the existing staff of the General Office and Library as well as the recommendations of the Council made on the 16th July, 1954, are given below :—

(A)

The existing Staff of the Office consists of :—

1 Superintendent in the scale of	Rs. 250-20/2-350
1 Accountant & Cashier " "	Rs. 200-10-300
1 Publication Assistant " "	Rs. 150-10-250
And 4 Posts of Assistants, each on	Rs. 60-5-125
1 Steno-typist, in the scale of	Rs. 125-15/2-200
1 Typist " "	Rs. 60-5-125

And the following Lower Subordinate Staff :—

1 Jamadar in the scale of	Rs. 30-1-35
1 Darwan " "	Rs. 20-1/2-25
And 8 Peons and Bearers, each on	Rs. 20-1/2-25
1 Duftry in the scale of	Rs. 30-1/2-35-1-45
1 Mali " "	Rs. 20-1/2-25
And 2 Sweepers, each on	Rs. 20-1/2-25

In addition a Bill Sircar on 5 per cent of the collections, subject to a minimum of Rs. 20/- per month, plus D.A.

(B)

In July 1954, the Council of the Society on the basis of the recommendations of the Finance Committee suggested that the total strength of the Staff of the General Office should be—

1 Head Assistant in the scale of	Rs. 200-10-300
1 Accountant-cum-Cashier „	Rs. 200-10-300
2 Junior Assistants, each on	Rs. 60-5-125
1 Steno-typist, in the scale of	Rs. 125-15/2-200
And 1 Typist „ „	Rs. 60-5-125

And the following Lower Grade Staff :—1 Jamadar, 1 Durwan, 5 Peons and Bearers, 1 Duftry, 1 Mali and 2 Sweepers. And in addition the Bill Sircar.

(C)

The Finance Committee in January, 1955, recommended as follows :—

Regarding General Office

(*i*) The members present at the meeting thought that it would be necessary to create 1 Post of Second Assistant on scale of Rs. 125-15/2-200/-, who will, in addition to helping the Head Assistant, attend to the Routine Work in connection with the Publications. They also thought that there should be no change in regard to the terms of appointment of the Bill Sircar, so long as he continues in the post.

(*ii*) Hence the recommendations contained in Item I (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) of the Council Meeting of July 1954, were modified as follows :—

The total strength of the Staff of the General Office :—

1 Head Assistant in the scale of	Rs. 200-10-300
1 Accountant-cum-Cashier „ „	Rs. 200-10-300
1 Second Assistant „ „	Rs. 125-15/2-200
2 Junior Grade Assistants, each on	Rs. 60-5-125
1 Steno-typist, in the scale of	Rs. 125-15/2-200
Typist „ „	Rs. 60-5-125

And the following Lower Grade Staff :—1 Jamadar, 1 Durwan, 5 Peons and Bearers, 1 Duftry, 1 Mali and 2 Sweepers. And in addition the Bill Sircar.

(*iii*) recommendations of the Council held on the 16th July, 1954 in regard to the quality of and capacity for work of the present incumbents to the different posts in the scale of Rs. 60-5-125 and the work of the other members of the Staff should be reviewed by the Council if the above suggestions were accepted.

(*iv*) The general management in regard to publications should be supervised by the Librarian who will naturally be helped by the General Office, particularly the Second Assistant. This arrangement will break down the watertight compartments which unfortunately have slowly been formed by complete separation of the General Office and the Library Staff since 1949.

Regarding Library

(D)

The existing Staff of the Library consists of :—

1 Librarian in the scale of	Rs. 300-25-600
1 Deputy Librarian „ „	Rs. 150-10-250
2 Assistant Librarians „ „	Rs. 120-15/2-200
2 Technical Assistants „ „	Rs. 125-15/2-200
1 Curator of Manuscripts (Sanskrit) on Rs. 320/- (fixed) Plus D.A.	
1 Cataloguer of Manuscripts (Islamic) in the scale of	Rs. 300-20-380 without D.A.
And 1 Typist in the scale of	Rs. 60-5-125
And the following Lower Subordinate Staff :—	
1 Duftry in the scale of	Rs. 30-1/2-35-1-45
And 8 Bearers „ „	Rs. 20-1/2-25

(Of these 8 Bearers 1 is designated Gateman, 3 are Cleaners, and 4 others Bearers.)

The incumbents to the post of Technical Assistants are temporary; so also the Curator of Sanskrit manuscripts and the Cataloguer of Islamic manuscripts. They are appointed for fixed periods decided from time to time by the Council.

(E)

In July, 1954, the Council of the Society on the basis of the recommendations of the Finance Committee suggested that the total strength of the staff of the Library should be :—

1 Librarian in the scale of	Rs. 300-25-600
1 Deputy Librarian „ „	Rs. 150-10-250
Two Posts of Assistant Librarians to be abolished.	
1 2 Technical Assistants in scale of	Rs. 125-15/2-200

1 Curator Sanskrit manuscripts for a fixed period on	Rs. 320
1 Curator Sanskrit manuscripts for a fixed period on	Rs. 320
1 Cataloguer for Islamic manuscripts for a fixed period on	Rs. 320-380

The Council in July, 1954, further suggested that some of the posts of the Library attendants, *viz.*, Bearers and Gateman, should be abolished and the number of Cleaners should be increased; and whether a general Peon might be provided for the Library, was to be considered when preparing the Budget for 1955.

(F)

The Finance Committee recommended that the strength of the Library staff should consist of :—

1 Librarian in the scale of	Rs. 200-25-600
1 Deputy Librarian „ „	Rs. 150-10-250
Assistant Librarians	*Nil*
(There should be no such posts).	
2 Technical Assistants who must have passed the Librarianship examination; in the scale of	Rs. 125-15/2-200
(The two Technical Assistants should be graduates preferably with Librarianship Diploma qualification, or should be expected to possess special qualifications in Library management.)	
1 Cataloguer of old printed books, other than Sanskrit, Persian and Arabic, on a pay of for a fixed period not exceeding 3 years during which time the work of cataloguing of those books is expected to be completed.	Rs. 200-10-250
1 Cataloguer of Sanskrit manuscripts on (Temporary for a period of 5 years).	Rs. 320 (fixed) plus D.A.
1 Cataloguer of Islamic manuscripts on (Temporary for a period of 3 years).	Rs. 300-20-380 without D.A.
The appointments of the Cataloguer of Sanskrit manuscripts and the Cataloguer of Islamic manuscripts should be subject to continuance of the Government grant for the purpose of cataloguing.	
1 Typist in the scale of	Rs. 60-5-125

And the following Lower Grade Staff, *viz.*—

1 Duftry and 8 Bearers on the usual scale,

(No change of designation is recommended in regard to the Lower Subordinate staff, though a redistribution of their duties can be, and should be, arranged. The Finance Committee agrees with Mr. B. S. Kesavan's suggestion that more cleaners should be employed and more funds should be found for the purpose, but in the present financial situation the Finance Committee regrets that it cannot be implemented.)

Regarding New Categories of Membership and Ways and Means for Augmenting the Income of the Society.

(G)

As regards augmenting the income of the Society it was felt by the Council that there should be a larger number of members enrolled in the near future, and for this purpose certain decisions were arrived at by the members of the Council present at the meeting on the 16th July, 1954. These were also referred back to the Council along with the other proposals. Hence they were again considered by the newly constituted Special Committee.

The earlier recommendations (made on the 16th July, 1954) were for having three categories of Ordinary Members, *viz.*—

(*a*) Those residing at Calcutta and at places within a radius of 30 miles of Calcutta—their rate of subscription fixed at Rs. 10 per quarter, should not be changed and they will enjoy the full rights of members as at present.

(*b*) Those residing outside a radius of 30 miles of Calcutta—their rate of subscription is to be fixed at Rs. 6 per quarter; they will get either the Letters Part, or the Science Part of the Journal, but will enjoy all other privileges of Ordinary Members.

(*c*) Those who reside outside a radius of 30 miles of Calcutta and agree to pay only a *subscription* of Rs. 3 per quarter—they will not get the journal *gratis* and not have any voting rights, but will enjoy all other rights, *e.g.*, purchase of publications (including the journal) at concessional rates, use of the library, attendance at meetings, etc.

(H)

The members of the newly constituted Special Committee thought that there should be *no change in the Ordinary Membership Rules.* They also felt that the existing rules, regarding Associate Members should not be changed but they suggested that in addition to the various categories of members of the Asiatic Society, there should be a class of persons known as the *Associates of the Society.* They, therefore, thought that the categories classed as new (*a*) and (*b*) above should not be introduced. But the new category of *Associates of the Society* would be required to pay Rs. 12 per annum (they would not be treated as members). Hence the newly constituted Special Committee suggested that the clause 'C' of the recommendations of the Council made on the 16th July, 1954 should be replaced by the following :—

"*Associates* are those who reside outside a radius of 10 miles of Calcutta and pay a subscription of Rs. 12 per annum—they will not be entitled to get the journal *gratis* nor have any right of voting but will be allowed to purchase the publications of the Society at the cencessional rates allowed to the members, to use the library subject to such conditions as may be imposed by the Council, and to attend meetings as Visitors."

(*N.B.*—The Associates will receive notices of the meetings.)

The proposal relating to the above addition to the Rules was approved by the Finance Committee on the 25th January, 1955 and *recommended to the Council for consideration in terms of Rule 69* of the Rules of the Society.

The Finance Committee also suggested that steps should be taken to further augment the income of the Society and *recommended to the Council* "that for the Hoarding (or Advertisement) purpose such available space as would be suitable should be utilised to fetch additional income."

Consideration of the recommendations of the Special Committee appointed to examine the financial position of the Society with a view to suggest ways and means for arguing the income and reducing the expenditure wherever possible.

In this connection a letter of Mr. S. Ashfaque Husain was considered by the Council.

Order : (*i*) General Secretary be requested to probe into the question of utilising the advertising space on the premises by contacting Advertising Agencies and to report as early as possible on all aspects of the question.

(*ii*) General Secretary be requested further to enquire about the suitability of the roof and parapets of the main building, ground floor space and any part of the buildings on the leased lands for advertisements purposes.

(*iii*) Members of the Council and other members to be requested to kindly enlist new members on the current rate of subscription of Rs. 40 per year.

(*iv*) A Special Committee consisting of the Honorary Treasurer, the General Secretary, Dr. D. M. Bose and Mr. N. K. Sen is formed to enquire into and report on the working of the Office (job analysis) and the General Secretary to write Mr. Ashfaque Husain in Delhi and explain to him the situation as revealed in course of the enquiry about job analysis and to invite his suggestions, if any, in this connection.

(*v*) General Secretary is authorised to approach the Corporation for declaring the Asiatic Society as a tax free institution or for sanctioning an equivalent financial grant in case there be any technical difficulty about exempting the Asiatic Society from payment of taxes.

(*vi*) General Secretary be requested further to approach governmental and other organisations for *ad hoc* grants to the Asiatic Society. Council 6, dated 15-2-54.

The meeting of the Special Sub-Committee of the Asiatic Society considered the question of office re-organisation and of the job analysis statement in respect of each member of the Staff. After some discussion the following recommendations were made :—

(1) That there should be, first of all, an examination of the working of the various Sections of the Office including the Library and Reading Rooms and if found feasible, the question of converting the Publication department into a self-contained department, should be looked into.

(2) With a view to implement the recommendation referred to in (1) an examination of the staff question is necessary. If it is found that creation of a separate Publication department is either nor desirable or is not found to be feasible, then the question of having a separate fund for all classes of publications should be examined. A separate publication account which will

include all the separate publication funds of the Society may be kept. In order to effect this, the question as to how many of the funds can be merged into the Publication Account would have to be considered on the merits of each particular case. And with a view to maintain a separate Fund account, an objective principle must be prescribed for allocation of a share of the general expenditure to each separate fund.

(3) Mr. Ashfaque Husain would kindly arrange for examination of the question relating to staff of the Society.

(4) As to Budget Estimates for 1954 the Committee recommended that the recurring expenditure should be sanctioned up to the end of the June, 1954 on the basis of the scale sanctioned during 1953. Special Sub-Committee 1-4, 9-4-54, Council 8, 15-4-54.

3. The Library Committee accepts the recommendation of Mr. B. S. Kesavan with regard to Maulavi M. M. Rahman and Mr. G. N. Bhattacharya and recommends that their services be terminated after the maximum period of notice which can be granted to them. The Library Committee suggests that as these employees will be thrown out of work, a period of six months' notice be allowed.

4. In the place of the above two Assistant Librarians whose services are recommended to be terminated the Library Committee recommends to the Finance Committee and the Council to take steps to appoint two technical Assistants in their place as recommended by Mr. Kesavan.

5. The Library Committee recommends that, as recommended by Mr. B. S. Kesavan, the designations of the two technical Assistants of printed books be allowed to that of "Cataloguers on a temporary basis", in the same scale of pay, *viz.*, Rs. 125-15/2-200.

6. The Committee recommends further that the posts of Technical Assistants for printed books (in future to be designated as Cataloguers of printed books) be created for five years, and those of the Cataloguers of manuscripts for ten years, but the appointment to each of these posts of Cataloguers be made on a year to year basis and continued on condition that the schedule of work as indicated by Mr. Kesavan is adhered to : (this condition however will not affect the term of office of the existing Curator Dr. P. B. Chakravarti and Cataloguer Prof. K. M. Maitra.)

7. That the question of appointing new Cleaners as suggested by Mr. B. S. Kesavan be kept in abeyance until the financial situation is improved.

8. That the consideration of the question of the allocation of duties in the Library under the proposed new set up be postponed. Lib. Com. 3-8, 30-6-54, Council 6, 16-7-56.

(*Note.*—In this connection a note prepared by the then General Secretary, Prof. J. M. Sen, was circulated to the members of the Council on the 16th July, 1954, regarding the financial implications of the proposals, and that was duly considered at their meeting.)

Extract from a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Asiatic Society held on 9th July, 1954, at 6-15 p.m.

Item No. 7

Consideration of a note which Dr. D. M. Bose (who presided over the meeting of the Council held on the 24th June 1954) was requested to prepare for presentation to the Finance Committee, regarding Budget for 1954.

(*N.B.*—The note has not yet been received from Dr. D. M. Bose. But as it is likely to be received by the 7th July the item has been included in the agenda.)

Recommendation : Dr. D. M. Bose's letter was read and discussed. Resolved that the General Secretary, the Treasurer, Dr. S. L. Hora, and Mr. A. B. Gupta be requested to frame a Budget for 1954 to be presented before the next meeting of the Council) in the light of the recommendations of the Special Committee as accepted by the Finance Committee, Item No. 9).

Item No. 9

Consideration of the recommendations of the Special Committee appointed by the Council for devising ways and means for augmenting the income of the Society and for reduction of expenditure.

The letter of Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, dated 9-7-54 was read. In the opinion of the President and the other members present the Minutes were correctly recorded and the recommendations of the Special Finance Committee were considered.

RECOMMENDED

(I) That the rate of subscription for members living outside a radius of 30 miles of Calcutta, will be Rs. 24 per annum (with either the Letters or the Science section of the Journal free for such *Mofussil* members), with effect from January, 1955, and that consequential changes in the Rules and Regulations be made accordingly.

As to the other recommendations of the Special Committee, the Finance Committee approved items Nos. II(A), II(B), III(A) (*i-viii*), namely :—

II(A) The Special Committee considered the recommendations of the meeting of the Library Committee held on the 30th June, 1954 in regard to the re-organisation of the Library staff. The Special Committee in general endorsed the considered opinion and recommendations of the Library Committee, but suggested that the post of one more Cataloguer of Sanskrit manuscripts and the posts of two Cleaners be provided in the next year's (1955) Budget.

The Special Committee further recommended that the duties of the members of the Library staff be specified on the lines indicated in the Librarian's note, forwarded to the Library Committee along with the report of Mr. B. S. Kesavan as Memo. No. 2070, dated 24-6-54.

Recommendation : Approved.

II(B) The Special Committee recommended that the posts of the two Assistant Librarians be abolished with effect from 1-1-55 and recommended that in place of the abovenamed posts two posts of Technical Assistants be created. In this connection the opinion of the Librarian and of Mr. Kesavan concerning the work of the two present incumbents of the posts of Assistant Librarian be placed before the Council.

Recommendation : Approved.

III(A) The Special Committee then considered the reports of the General Secretary and the Treasurer about the re-organisation of the General Office in the light of the report of Mr. Ashfaque Husain and the various suggestions received or discussed by the members at previous meetings.

The following recommendations were then made :—

(*i*) "That the post of the Publication Assistant in the scale of Rs. 150-10-250 be abolished, with effect from 1-9-54."

(*ii*) "That the post of the General Assistant in the scale of Rs. 60-5-125 be abolished with effect from 1-11-54."

(*iii*) "That the post of the Files Assistant in the scale of Rs. 60-5-125 be abolished, with effect from 1-11-54."

(*iv*) "The quality of and capacity for work of the present incumbent to the post of Typist in the scale of Rs. 60-5-125 be considered by the Council in the light of the observations made by the Secretary and the Treasurer."

(*v*) "That the post of one of the 2 Cycle Peons be retrenched.'

(*vi*) "That the post of one of the 2 Bearers be retrenched."

(*vii*) "That the post of one of the 3 other Peons be retrenched."

(*viii*) "That no Dearness Allowance be paid to the Bill Collecting Sircar, and that the method of collection of subscription and percentage of commission to be paid to the Bill Collecting Sircar, be reviewed for coming to a new arrangement with him, or in regard to appointment of a new man in the post."

All the above recommendations approved.

Regarding III(B) the Finance Committee recommended certain modifications and the following was substituted as a recommendation to the Council :—

III(B) (*i*) "The Special Committee after giving adequate consideration to the views expressed by Mr. Ashfaque Husain were of the opinion that the post of the Superintendent could not be retrenched but recommended that the designation be changed to that of Office Superintendent. The Office Superintendent should be made personally responsible for all publications of the Society in addition to his normal duties. No change in the grade of the post should be made."

Recommendation as modified above : Approved.

(*ii*) The quality of any capacity for work of the present incumbent of the post of Superintendent for the additional work be considered by the Council.

Recommendation as modified above. Approved.

Regarding III(C) which runs thus :—

> "After the abolition of the three posts among the members of the Office Staff enumerated above or from such other date as the Secretary and the Treasurer might determine the work of the Sales, Stock verification, Filing Despatching, etc. should be re-distributed among the other Office Assistants.
>
> "In this connection the Special Committee felt that it would be necessary to create one post of General Assistant to help the Accountant in keeping the Accounts and the Office Superintendent in regard to the notings in the Files of the General Office. This post should be in the scale of Rs. 60-5-125."

Recommendation : Accepted as a whole.

Regarding IV, *viz.*—

> "The General Secretary suggested at the end that a further retrenchment should be made by dropping the item for payment of a fixed conveyance allowance to the General Secretary, with effect from July, 1954. This would effect a saving of Rs. 900 during the current financial year and Rs. 1,800 effective in 1955. As the General Secretary himself made the suggestion it was accepted by the Special Committee and recommended to the Council for its acceptance."

Recommendation : Accepted, but the Finance Committee recommends that this may be restored as and when the financial situation is better.

Special Committee held on 7-7-54. Recommendations—

II(A) The Special Committee considered the recommendations of the meeting of the Library Committee held on the 30th June, 1954 in regard to the re-organisation of the Library staff. The Special Committee in general endorsed the considered opinion and recommendations of the Library Committee, but suggested that the post of one more Cataloguer of Sanskrit manuscripts and the posts of two Cleaners be provided in the next year's (1955) Budget.

The Special Committee further recommended that the duties of the members of the Library staff be specified on the lines indicated in the Librarian's note, forwarded to the Library Committee along with the report of Mr. B. S. Kesavan as Memo. No. 2070, dated 24-6-54.

(B) The Special Committee recommended that the posts of the two Assistant Librarians be abolished with effect from 1-1-55 and recommended that in place of the abovenamed posts two posts of Technical Assistants be created. In this connection the opinion of the Librarian and of Mr. Kesavan concerning the work of the two present incumbents of the posts of Assistant Librarian be placed before the Council.

III(A) The Special Committee then considered the reports of the General Secretary and the Treasurer about the re-organisation of the General Office in the light of the report of Mr. Ashfaque Husain and the various suggestions received or discussed by the members at previous meetings.

The following recommendations were then made :—

(*i*) That the post of the Publication Assistant in the scale of Rs. 150-10-250 be abolished, with effect from 1-9-54.

(*ii*) That the post of the General Assistant in the scale of Rs. 60-5-125 be abolished, with effect from 1-11-54.

(*iii*) That the post of the Files Assistant in the scale of Rs. 60-5-125 be abolished, with effect from 1-11-54.

(*iv*) The quality of and capacity for work of the present incumbent to the post of Typist in the scale of Rs. 60-5-125 be considered by the Council in the light of the observations made by the Secretary and the Treasurer.

(*v*) That the post of one of the 2 Cycle Peons be retrenched.

(*vi*) That the post of one of the 2 Bearers be retrenched.

(*vii*) That the post of one of the 3 Peons be retrenched.

(*viii*) That no Dearness Allowance be paid to the Bill Collecting Sircar, and that the method of collection of subscription and percentage of commission to be paid to the Bill Collecting Sircar, be reviewed for coming to a new arrangement with him, or in regard to appointment of a new man in the post.

(B) The Special Committee after giving adequate consideration to the views expressed by Mr. Ashfaque Husain were of the opinion that the post of the Superintendent could not be retrenched but recommended that the designation be changed to that of Office Superintendent. In this connection the Committee noted that as the present Superintendent, Mr. Rakhahari Chatterjee had already applied for permission to resign, he could be relieved from the date when a suitable substitute would be available. But so long as he could continue to serve the Society as Office Superintendent he should be made personally responsible for all publications of the Society in addition to his normal duties. No change in the grade of the post should be made.

(C) After the abolition of the three posts among the members of the Office staff enumerated above or from such other date as the Secretary and the Treasurer might determine, the work of the Sales, Stock verification, Filing, Despatching, etc., should be re-distributed among the other Office Assistants.

In this connection the Special Committee felt that it would be necessary to create one post of General Assistant to help the Accountant in keeping the Accounts and the Office Superintendent in regard to the notings in the files of the General Office. This post should be in the scale of Rs. 60-5-125.

IV. The General Secretary suggested at the end that a further retrenchment should be made by dropping the item for payment of a fixed conveyance allowance to the General Secretary with effect from July, 1954. This would effect a saving of Rs. 900 during the current financial year and Rs. 1,800 effective in 1955. As the General Secretary himself made the suggestion it was accepted by the Special Committee and recommended to the Council for its acceptance.

Proposals of the Council for consideration by the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on the 2nd August, 1954.

At the time of consideration of the Budget for 1954 the Council of the Asiatic Society appointed a Special Committee for devising ways and means for augmenting the income of the Society and for reduction of expenditure. The Committee met several times and made certain proposals which were later on considered by the Finance Committee of the Society held on the 9th July, 1954. The Council of the Society considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee and came to the following decisions on the 16th July, 1954 :—

I. (1) The posts of the two Assistant Librarians be abolished with effect from 1-1-55 and that in place of the above named posts two posts of Technical Assistants be created.

(2) That the following 4 posts of the General Office be abolished :—

(*i*)	Publication Assistant	Rs. 150-10-250
(*ii*)	General Assistant	„ 60-5-125
(*iii*)	Sales Assistant	„ 60-5-125
(iv)	Files Assistant	„ 60-5-125

and that a new post designated as the Accounts Assistant be created in the scale of Rs. 60-5-125.

(3) The post of the Superintendent (250-20/2-350) be abolished but a post of Head Assistant in the scale of Rs. 200-10-300 be created.

(4) The post of the Despatch Assistant be designated as a Junior Assistant and the assignment of duties be left to the Head Assistant.

[The total strength of the Staff of the General Office will thus be :—

1 Head Assistant	Rs. 200-10-300
1 Accountant-cum-Cashier	„ 200-10-300
2 Junior Assistants	„ 60-5-125

(One assistant dealing mainly with Sales, Stock, and Accounts work, and the other with Files and Despatch work;)

1 Steno-typist	Rs. 125-15/2-200
Typist	„ 60-5-125

(5) Of the Lower Grade posts in the General Office, the following three, *viz.*, 1 despatch peon (cycle) and 1 bearer, be abolished.

(6) No Dearness Allowance be paid to the Bill Collecting Sircar and that the method of collection of subscriptions and the percentage of commission to be paid to him be reviewed by coming to a new arrangement with him.

(7) The quality of and capacity for work of the present incumbent to the post of Typist in the scale of Rs. 60-5-125, and the work of the Superintendent, if he is at all to be appointed as Head Assistant with a personal allowance, and the work of the other members of the staff, be reviewed by the Council at a subsequent meeting.

(8) The question whether, and if so when, the recommendations of the Library Committee as approved by the Special Committee and the Finance Committee, on the basis of the cataloguing project suggested by Mr. B. S. Kesavan, regarding the creation of three additional posts of Cataloguers should be initiated, be considered when preparing the Budget for 1955, in the light of the financial circumstances at that time. (Hence this matter is referred to the Budget Committee for 1955.)

The Library staff will for the present consist of :—

The Librarian

The Deputy Librarian

2 Technical Assistants

1 Curator for Sanskrit Mss. (temporary for a fixed period)

1 Cataloguer for Islamic Mss. (temporary for a fixed period)

1 Typist

(9) The question whether the posts of three of the Library attendants or bearers, and of the Library gateman, should be abolished, and the number of cleaners should be increased from 2 to 5, and a general peon may be provided for the Library, should be considered when preparing the budget for 1955. (Hence this matter referred to the Budget Committee for 1955.)

(10) The item in the Budget for payment of a fixed conveyance allowance to the General Secretary be dropped with effect from July, 1954, thereby effecting a saving of Rs. 900 during the current financial year. (The present General Secretary himself made the suggestion and was accepted both by the Finance Committee and the Council with gratitude). The question of restoring the conveyance allowance of the General Secretary may, however, be considered by the Budget Committee for 1955 in the light of the financial circumstances at the time.

II.

As regards augmenting the income of the Society it was felt by the Council that there should be a larger number of members enrolled in the near future and for this purpose the following decision was arrived at by the members of the Council present at the meeting on the 16th July :—

There should be three categories of Ordinary Members, *viz.*—

(A) Those residing at Calcutta and at places within a radius of 30 miles of Calcutta—their rate of subscription fixed at Rs. 10 per quarter should not be changed and they will enjoy the full rights of membership as at present.

(B) Those residing outside a radius of 30 miles of Calcutta—their rate of subscription is to be fixed at Rs. 6 per quarter; they will get either the Letters part or the Science part of the Journal, but will enjoy all other privileges of Ordinary Membership.

(C) Those who reside outside a radius of 30 miles of Calcutta and agree to pay only a subscription of Rs. 3 per quarter,—they will get the Journal *gratis* and not have any voting rights but will enjoy all other rights, *e.g.*, purchase of publications (including the Journal) at concessional rates, use of the library, attendance at meetings, etc.

Whether the third category of members shouid be designated to Associate Members by changing the existing rules for election of Associate Members, is to be taken up when the rules are revised.

The decision about instituting the three categories of Ordinary Members was not unanimous, one member of the Council (Mr. Ashfaque Husain) suggested that we should also have a category of members designated as Foreign members whose rate of subscription might be separately fixed.

The majority of the members of the Council felt that the Asiatic Society being a pan-Indian and even an International Institution, should try to attract a larger number of members from outside Calcutta than at present, hence the above decision about lowering of the rate of subscription for members residing outside Calcutta was taken.

As the above decision of the Council, regarding membership of the Society implies a change in the rules of the Asiatic Society, the whole matter will have to be again placed before the Council for their final recommendation, and the procedure laid down in Rule No. 69 of the rules of the Asiatic Society will have to be fellowed.

STAFF—RE-ORGANISATION.

Special Committee recommendations—(3-12-54).

The members present at the Special Committee started first considering the question of the reorganisation of the Office.

(A)

The existing Staff of the Office consists of :—

1 Superintendent in the scale of	..	..	Rs. 250-20/2-350
1 Accountant & Cashier ,,	..	..	Rs. 200-10-300
1 Publication Assistant ,,	..	..	Rs. 150-10-250
And 4 Posts of Assistants, each on	..	..	Rs. 60-5-125
1 Steno-typist ..	..	..	Rs. 125-15/2-200
1 Typist ..	..	..	Rs. 60-5-125

And the following Lower Subordinate Staff :—

1 Jamadar in the scale of	Rs. 30-1-35
1 Durwan „ „	Rs. 20-1/2-25
And 8 Peons and Bearers, each on	Rs. 20-1/2-25
1 Duftry	Rs. 30-1/2-35-1-45
1 Mali	Rs. 20-1/2-25
And 2 Sweepers, each on	Rs. 20-1/2-25

In addition a Bill Sircar on 5 per cent. of the collectors, subject to a minimum of Rs. 20 per month, plus D.A.

(B)

In July 1954, the Council of the Society on the basis of the recommendations of the Finance Committee suggested that the total strength of the Staff of the General Office should be—

1 Head Assistant in the scale of	Rs. 200-10-300
1 Accountant-cum-Cashier „	Rs. 200-10-300
2 Junior Assistants, each on	Rs. 60-5-125
1 Steno-typist	Rs. 125-15/2-200
And 1 Typist	Rs. 60-5-125

And the following Lower Grade Staff :—1 Jamadar, 1 Durwan, 5 Peons and Bearers, 1 Duftry, 1 Mali and 2 Sweepers.

And in addition the Bill Sircar.

(C)

(*i*) The members present at the meeting thought that it would be necessary to create 1 Post of Second Assistant on scale of Rs. 125-15/2-200, who will, in addition to helping the Head Assistant, remain in charge of the Publications. They also thought that there should be no change in regard to the terms of appointment of the Bill Sircar, so long as he continues in the post.

(*ii*) Hence the recommendations contained in Item I (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) of the of the Council Meeting of July 1954, were modified as follows :—

The total strength of the Staff of the General Office :—

1 Head Assistant in the scale of	Rs. 200-10-300
1 Accountant-cum-Cashier „	Rs. 200-10-300
Second Assistant „	Rs. 125-15/2-200
2 Junior Assistants, each on	Rs. 60-5-125
1 Steno-typist	Rs. 125-15/2-200
1 Typist	Rs. 60-5-125

And the following Lower Grade Staff :—1 Jamadar, 1 Durwan, 5 Peons and Bearers, 1 Duftry, 1 Mali, and 2 Sweepers.

And in addition the Bill Sircar.

(*iii*) The recommendation of the Council held on the 16th July, 1954 in regard to the quality of and capacity for work of the present incumbents to the different posts in the scale of Rs. 60-5-125 and the work of the other members of the staff should be reviewed by the Council if the above suggestions were accepted.

After a short discussion with the Acting Librarian about the Library Staff the meeting was adjourned for further discussion to the 16th of December, 1954 at 5 p.m.

J. M. Sen,
15-12-54.

STAFF—RE-ORGANISATION.

Special Committee recommendations—16-12-54.

The Committee then began considering the question of re-organisation of the Library Staff.

(L)

The existing Staff of the Library consists of—

1 Librarian in the scale of	Rs. 300-25-600
1 Deputy Librarian "	Rs. 150-10-250
2 Assistant Librarians "	Rs. 125-15/2-200
2 Technical Assistants "	Rs. 125-15/2-200
1 Curator of Manuscripts (Sanskrit) on ..	Rs. 200 (fixed) plus D.A.
1 Cataloguer of Manuscripts (Islamic) in the scale of	Rs. 300-20-380 without D.A.
And 1 Typist in the scale of	Rs. 60-5-125
And the following Lower Subordinate Staff :—	
1 Duftry in the scale of	Rs. 30-1/2-35-1-45
And Bearers "	Rs. 20-1/2-25

(Of these 8 Bearers 1 is designated Gateman. 3 are Cleaners, and 4 others Bearers.)

The incumbents to the post of Technical Assistants are temporary; so also the Curator of Sanskrit manuscripts and the Cataloguer of Islamic manuscripts. They are appointed for fixed periods decided from time to time by the Council.

(M)

In July, 1954, the Council of the Asiatic Society on the basis of the recommendations of the Finance Committee suggested that the total strength of the staff of the Library should be—

1 Librarian in the scale of	Rs. 300-25-600
1 Deputy Librarian "	Rs. 150-10-250
Two Posts of Assistant Librarians to be abolished.	
2 Technical Assistants in scale of	Rs. 125-15/2-200
1 Curator for Sanskrit manuscripts for a fixed period on	Rs. 320
1 Cataloguer for Islamic manuscripts for a fixed period on	Rs. 320-380

The Council in July, 1954, further suggested that some of the posts of the Library attendants, *viz.*, Bearers and Gateman, should be abolished and the number of Cleaners should be increased; and whether a general Peon might be provided for the Library, was to be considered when preparing the Budget for 1955.

(N)

The Special Committee after carefully considering the views of the Deputy Librarian, now Acting as the Librarian, recommended that the strength of the Library staff should consist of :—

1 Librarian in the scale of	Rs. 300-25-600
1 Deputy Librarian "	Rs. 150-10-250
No Assistant Librarians.	
2 Technical Assistants in the scale of	Rs. 125-15/2-200
(Of the 2 Technical Assistants one must have a knowledge of Arabic and Persian.)	
1 Temporary Cataloguer on pay of .. .. for a fixed period not exceeding 3 years, during which time the work of cataloguing old books, other than Sanskrit, Arabic and Persian, must be completed.	Rs. 200-10-250
The question of determination of the scale of pay for this post may be considered again on the 24th December, 1954.	
1 Curator of Sanskrit manuscripts on	Rs. 300-20-380
(Temporary for a period of 5 years.)	
In this case also the scale was not finally settled.	
1 Cataloguer of Islamic manuscripts .. .. (Temporary for a period of 3 years.)	Rs. 300-20-380
1 Typist in the scale of	Rs. 60-5-125
And the following Lower Grade Staff, *viz.*—	
1 Duftry and 8 Bearers on the usual scale.	
(No change of designation is recommended in regard to the Lower Subordinate Staff, though a redistribution of their duties can be, and should be, arranged. The Special Committee is unable to agree with Mr. B. S. Kesavan as regards addition to the existing Lower Grade Staff, particularly the number of cleaners.)	

At this stage the Committee adjourned the meeting till Friday, the 24th December, 1954 at 4 p.m. for further discussion in regard to the above proposals and also in regard to the question of augmenting the income of the Society by a change in the Membership Rules.

J. M. SEN.

STAFF—RE-ORGANISATION.

Special Committee recommendations—(24-12-54).

(N)

The Special Committee again considered the question of the Library staff and decided to modify certain proposals which were formulated at the meeting held on the 16th December, 1954, marked "(N)". The modifications made were in regard to the qualifications of the Technical Assistants and in regard to certain conditions of appointments. It was decided that the entire Library staff (after incorporating the modifications made at today's meeting) should consist of :—

1 Librarian in the scale of	Rs. 300-25-600
1 Deputy Librarian „	Rs. 150-10-250
Assistant Librarians	*Nil*
(There should be no such posts).	
2 Technical Assistants who must have passed the Librarianship examination; in the scale of .. (Of the 2 Technical Assistants one must have a knowledge of Arabic and Persian).	Rs. 125-15/2-200
1 Cataloguer of old printed books, other than Sanskrit, Persian and Arabic, on pay of .. for a fixed period not exceeding 3 years during which time the work of cataloguing of those books must be completed.	Rs. 200-10-250
1 Cataloguer of Sanskrit manuscripts on ..	Rs. 320 (fixed), plus D.A.
(Temporary for a period of 5 years).	
1 Cataloguer of Islamic manuscripts on	Rs. 300-20-380 without D.A.
(Temporary for a period of 3 years).	

The appointments of the Cataloguer of Sanskrit manuscripts and the Cataloguer of Islamic manuscripts should be subject to continuance of the Government grant for the purpose of cataloguing.

1 Typist in the scale of	Rs. 60-5-125

And the following Lower Grade staff, *viz.*—

1 Duftry and 8 Bearers on the usual scale.

(No change of designation is recommended in regard to the Lower Subordinate staff, though a redistribution of their duties can be, and should be, arranged. The Special Committee is unable to agree with Mr. B. S. Kesavan as regards addition to the existing Lower Grade Staff, particularly the number of cleaners.)

(O)

As regards augmenting the income of the Society it was felt by the Council that there should be a larger number of Members enrolled in the near future, and for this purpose certain decisions were arrived at by the members of the Council present at the meeting on the 16th July, 1954. These were also referred back to the Council along with the other proposals. Hence they were again considered by the newly constituted Special Committee.

The earlier recommendations (made on the 16th July, 1954) were for having three categories of Ordinary Members, *viz.*—

(*a*) Those residing at Calcutta and at places within a radius of 30 miles of Calcutta—their rate of subscription fixed at Rs. 10 per quarter, should not be changed and they will enjoy the full rights of members as at present.

(*b*) Those residing outside a radius of 30 miles of Calcutta—their rate of subscription is to be fixed at Rs. 6 per quarter; they will get either the Letters Part, or the Science Part of the Journal, but will enjoy all other privilege of Ordinary Members.

(c) Those who reside outside a radius of 30 miles of Calcutta and agree to pay only a subscription of Rs. 3 per quarter—they will not get the journal *gratis* and not have any voting rights, but will enjoy all other rights, *e.g.*, purchase of publications (including the journal) at concessional rates, use of the library, attendance at meetings, etc.

(P)

The members of the Special Committee present at the meeting thought that there should be *no change in the Ordinary Membership Rules.* They also felt that the existing rules, regarding Associate Members should not be changed but they suggested that in addition to the various categories of members of the Asiatic Society, there should be a class of persons known as the *Associates of the Society.* They, therefore, thought that the categories classed as new (*a*) and (*b*) above should not be introduced. But the new category of *Associates of the Society* would be required to pay Rs. 12 per annum (they would not be treated as members). Hence the Special Committee suggested that the clause 'C' of the recommendations of the Council made on the 16th July, 1954 should be replaced by the following :—

ASSOCIATES are those who reside outside a radius of 10 miles of Calcutta and pay a subscription of Rs. 12 per annum—they will not be entitled to get the journal *gratis* nor have any right of voting but will be allowed to purchase the publications of the Society at the concessional rates allowed to the members, to use the library subject to such conditions as may be imposed by the Council, and to attend meetings as Visitors.

(*N.B.*—The Associates will receive notices of the meetings.)

J. M. Sen.

Consideration of a question of re-organisation of the Office and Library in the light of the discussions at the Ordinary Monthly General Meetings held on the 2nd August, 6th September, and 20th September, 1954. (Note.—Necessary papers (Minutes of the Proceedings of the three meetings) were placed on the table for consideration.) A committee comprising of the following gentlemen is constituted to reconsider the matter fully and to report to the Council as early as possible :—The President (Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji), The Treasurer (Dr. K. N. Bagchi), The General Secretary, Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, Dr. B. S. Guha, Dr. A. C. Ukil, and Prof. N. C. Bhattacharyya. Council 14, 11-11-54.

Consideration of a letter of the Assistant Labour Commissioner about maintaining *status quo* in respect of the order served on Mr. Rajendrachandra Kar, temporary publication Assistant, about termination of his period of appointment with effect from 30th September, 1954. (Note.—In pursuance of that order Mr. Rajendrachandra Kar has been allowed to continue as an employee of the Asiatic Society but he has been relieved of his duties as the temporary publication Assistant and has been directed by the President to assist the Librarian for the present pending final disposal of his case. Assistant Labour Commissioner was requested to fix another date and supply copies of some papers as per advice of the lawyer consulted in this connection but he did not forward any reply or any papers up to the date of the meeting.) Dr. A. C. Ukil will represent the Asiatic Society before the Assistant Labour Commissioner. He will be assisted by a lawyer and the Assistant Labour Commissioner is to be requested to fix a suitable date and time by mutual arrangement with Dr. A. C. Ukil. Council 15, 11-11-54.

Consideration of the recommendations of the meetings, dated 3rd December, 1954 and 16th December, 1954 of the Special Committee, regarding re-organisation of the Office and the Library Staff of the Asiatic Society. (Note.—The Committee met on the 3rd and 16th December and came to certain tentative conclusions in regard to the General Office and the Library. Further consideration was postponed till the 24th December, 1954 at 4 p.m. The Committee expect to finalise their proposals on that day. The question of the rate of membership subscription for different categories of Members will require fresh consideration on the 24th December.) As the recommendations were not yet finalised the consideration of the item is postponed till they are ready. Council 6, 17-12-54.

STAFF.—*Tenure of temporary appointments.*—Consideration of a question of fixation of the tenure of appointment of the Publication Assistant, Mr. R. C. Kar who is working temporarily in that post and also of the tenure of appointment of Mr. Anilkumar Datta who is working as the temporary technical Assistant in Library in place of Mr. R. C. Kar transferred to the General Office as Publication Assistant. (Note.—The Council at the meeting held on 16-3-53 decided that Mr. Rajendrachandra Kar, would work as the Publication Assistant, and Mr. Anil Datta, would work as the Technical Assistant in place of the former transferred from Library work to the General Office as Publication Assistant with effect from 1-4-53 to 30-9-53. The term of appointment was extended up to 31-12-53 in September and once more up to 28-2-54 in December. In February it was decided to extend the term of temporary appointments of Mr. Rajendrachandra Kar and of Anilkumar Dutta until further orders. As under Rule 41(*d*) the appointment of any one to a post carrying a salary over Rs. 125 required the approval of the General Meeting, the matter was placed before the General Meeting in March and the General Meeting decided that the period of the appointments should be fixed. The Stock verification work is not yet completed. The Council at a meeting held on 18th March, 1954 ordered that the period of temporary appointments of Mr. R. C. Kar and Mr. Anilkumar Datta would be extended up to 31st May, 1954, on the same terms and conditions as before. Advertisements for both the posts are to be inserted mentioning the fact that a suitable candidate for publication work may be given a higher initial salary in the grade Rs. 150-10-250. In this connection it was further ordered that a new Secretaryship would be created called the Publication Secretary in terms of Rules 4 and 7. Dr. P. C. Gupta is appointed as the Publication Secretary. This item has been referred to the Finance Committee as per decision of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on 5-4-54.) Recommend that the temporary appointments are to continue up to 31st May, 1954 and the question of further extension pending approval of the Budget Estimates for 1954 be deferred for the present. Fin. Com. 8, 8-4-54, Council 7, 15-4-54.

Miscellaneous.—The General Secretary referred to the following recommendations of the General Meeting :

> "That as the term of appointment of the two posts mentioned by the General Secretary expired on 31-7-54, it is the sense of this house that the Council should be requested to consider the question of extension of the period of services of the two incumbents until the next General Meeting".

Resolved—That the period of temporary appointments of Mr. Rajendrachandra Kar, as the Publication Assistant in the General Office and of Mr. Anilkumar Datta, as Technical Assistant in the Library of the Asiatic Society would be extended till the end of September, 1954 on the same terms and conditions as before. Spl. Council 2, 11-8-54.

Extension of Services.—Report that the term of appointment of Mr. Anilkumar Datta, Technical Assistant in the Library, expires on the 30th September, 1954. (Note.—He joined on 1st May, 1954. The work of Mr. Datta has been found satisfactory.) Extend up to the 31st December, 1954 Lib. Com. 8, 10-9-54, Council 7, 17-9-54.

Report that the term of appointment of Dr. Pulinbehari Chakravarti, Curator, expires on the 31st December, 1954. (Note.—(1) Dr. Chakravarti was appointed in December, 1949 for cataloguing Sanskrit manuscripts in the Indian Museum and in the Asiatic Society's Collection for a period of 5 years in the grade of Rs. 200-20-300 plus D.A. He joined on 1st January, 1950. (2) He is paid out of Sanskrit Mss. Fund, West Bengal Government Annual grant for the Fund is Rs. 6,440. The grant is given for cataloguing, printing and purchase of Sanskrit Mss. The balance in the fund at the end of October, 1954 is Rs. 2,055. His monthly salary is Rs. 300 plus Rs. 60 D.A.—Rs. 360 (Rs. 360×12—Rs. 4,320). (3) Position of cataloguing of the *Sanskrit manuscripts*—Total number of Mss. in the Indian Museum and Asiatic Society's collection—15,000 (approx.). Number of Mss. catalogued—2,750 (approx.). In the Sanskrit Section a Descriptive Catalogue of manuscripts in the above two collections has been planned in eleven volumes and of these the following volumes have been sent to the press for estimates :— Vol. 1—Philosophy, Vol. 2—Grammar, Lecicon and Prosody, Vol. 3—Dharmasastra. The 1st part of the Philosophy volume containing texts of Samkhya, Yoga, Vaiseshika, Nyaya and Navya-Nyaya has been printed off. The cataloguing of the following volumes is being continued. Vol. 4—Kavya, Nataka and Alamkara. Vol. 5—Astronomy and Astrology of which Vol. 4 is expected to be ready by the end of April 1955.) Recommended to the Finance Committee extension of his services for 5 years on the same terms and conditions but incremental steps in a graded scale may be arranged with effect from 1st January, 1955. Lib. Com. 9, 4-11-54, Council 7, 11-11-54.

Report that the term of appointment of Mr. Anilkumar Datta, Technical Assistant, expires on the 31st December, 1954. (Note.—He joined on 1st May, 1954 in place of Mr. R. C. Kar. The work of Mr. Datta has been found satisfactory.) Extend up to the 30th June, 1955 on the same terms and conditions. Lib. Com. 6, 10-12-54, Council 9, 17-12-54.

Consideration of the recommendation of the Library Committee, regarding extension of the services of the Curator, Dr. Pulinbehari Chakravarti, whose term of appointment expires on 31st December, 1954. (1) Renewal of appointment for 5 years with effect from 1st January, 1955 is recommended subject to continuance of the West Bengal Government grant. (2) Dr. Pulinbehari Chakravarti will get an increment of Rs. 20 with effect from the same date and will get D.A. calculated on the increased basic pay. (3) The question of putting Dr. Chakravarti on a time scale of pay will be considered later. (4) General Secretary is requested to move the Government of West Bengal for an increased grant to enable the Asiatic Society to meet the growing expenditure in connection with the cataloguing and purchase of manuscripts and printing of the Catalogues prepared. Fin. Com. 7, 10-12-54, Council 10, 17-12-54.

Graded Annual Increments.—Consideration of a question of sanctioning graded annual increments to the following staff :—

Name	*Designation*	*Grade*	*Present Pay*	*Increment Due*
GENERAL FUND :		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. S. K. Saraswati ..	Librarian	300-25-600	500	25
2. B. M. Chakravarti	Acctt. & Cashier	200-10-300	250	10
3. M. M. Rahman ..	Asst. Librarian	125-15/2-200	155	15
4. B. B. Mukherjee ..	File Assistant	60-5-125	115	5
5. S. N. Banerjee ..	Sales Asstt.	60-5-125	105	5
6. K. L. Das ..	Typist (Library)	60-5-125	90	5
7. B. Banerjee ..	Despatch Asstt.	60-5-125	75	5
Sanskrit Mss. Fund :				
Pulinbihari Chakravarti ..	Curator	200-20-300	280	20
ARABIC & PERSIAN MSS. FUND :				
Prof. K. M. Maitra	Cataloguer	..	340	20

Sanction graded increments as per list noted above with effect from January, 1954. Fin. Com. 4, 12-1-54, Council 6, 18-1-54.

Leaves.—Consideration of the report of the General Secretary about granting 34 days' leave on full pay to Pandit Pulinbehari Chakravarti, *viz.*, 30 days' sick leave and 4 days' privilege leave on full pay. The leave sanctioned as per recommendation of the Librarian. Action of the General Secretary about granting leave to Mr. Pulinbehari Chakravarti for 34 days, approved. Council 13, 15-2-1954.

Consideration of the application for leave for 43 days, submitted by Alimuddin, Lower grade employee working in the Library of the Asiatic Society. General Secretary is authorised to sanction leave as per Regulations regarding leave. Council 20, 24-6-54.

Consideration of an application of Mr. R. Chatterjee, Superintendent of the Asiatic Society for leave on full pay for a fortnight with effect from 24-3-54. (Note.—The Superintendent did not take any leave except occasional Casual leave only during 1952 and 1953. A leave chart is placed on the table. In the absence of the Superintendent, the seniormost Assistant of the Office, the Accountant, Mr. B. M. Chakravartty, carried on the duties of the Superintendent in addition to his own duties, save on one occasion when the duties were divided between the Librarian and the Accountant.) Sanction leave as prayed for. Accountant to officiate as the Superintendent in addition to his own duties on an acting allowance of Rs. 50 (fifty) per month during the absence of the Superintendent. Council 22, 16-7-54.

Consideration of an application of the sick Cycle peon, Anilkumar Dey, praying for leave on half pay as a special case till he gets a free bed in a hospital where tuberculosis cases are treated. (Note.—The peon has been attacked with tuberculosis and is on leave ever since 21-7-54. No leave is due to him but as a special case he was allowed to be on leave on half pay up to the end of November, 1954.) Applicant is to contact Dr. A. C. Ukil immediately by previous appointment for procuring admission into a hospital early. He is allowed leave without pay for two months more from 1-12-54 to 31-1-55 as a special case. Council 16(*c*), 17-12-54.

Consideration of the question of allowing leave without pay to Mr. S. K. Saraswati, M.A., Librarian, Asiatic Society, with effect from 1st July, 1954 to January 31st, 1955 to enable him to take up an appointment in the University of Calcutta as a Lecturer in Ancient Indian History and Culture. (Note.—As per decision of the Council made at the meeting held on the 21st December, 1953 accepting the recommendation of the Finance Committee meeting of the 11th December, 1953, the post cannot be filled up without a reference to the Finance Committee. The work of the Library will therefore suffer for about a month, *viz.*, July 1954). The Finance Committee's recommendation, whatever it may be, cannot be considered by the Council before the third Monday of July, 1954.) (1) Grant leave without pay to Mr. S. K. Saraswati for the period from 1st July, 1954 to 31st January, 1955. (2) Deputy Librarian, Mr. Shibadas Chaudhuri, is put in charge of the Library during the absence of the Librarian on leave. (3) The question of payment to him of some officiating allowance is referred to the Finance Committee. Council 14, 24-6-54.

LIST OF ORDINARY MEMBERS, 1954

Date of Election	
2-8-54	**Adam,** John Horace, B.SC. (Econ.) London, *Publisher, Managing Director,* Orient Longmans Ltd., Flat 4, No. 15, Loudon Street, Calcutta.
1-3-54	**Batbedat,** Jean, *Vice-Consul* for France in Calcutta; 5, Park Mansions, Park Street, Calcutta-16.
6-12-54	**Bhattacharyya,** Gaurisankar, B.A., 14, Lansdowne Terrace, Calcutta-26.
5-4-54	**Bose,** Sushilkumar, M.A., *Managing Director,* The Press Syndicate Ltd., 2, Hindusthan Road, Ballygunge, Calcutta.
3-5-54	**Burke,** Ata Karim, M.A., M LIT. (Tehran), *Member* of Iran Society, and Iranian Literary Academy (Tehran); Carmichael Hostel, 51, Baithak Khana Road, Calcutta-9.
5-7-54	**Chalermpol,** Prince of Thailand, *Lieutenant Colonel.* First Cavalry Regiment, Royal Horse Guard, Royal Thai Army; 30, Pahol Yothin Road, Bangkok, Thaliand. (Life Member).
1-11-54	**Das Gupta,** M. S., A.M.E.E., *Engineer,* 21, Jatindas Road, Calcutta-29.
4-1-54	**Ghosh,** Suddhodan, D.SC. (Cal.), *Lecturer in Applied Mathematics,* Calcutta University, 219, Rashbehari Avenue, Ballygunge, Calcutta-29.
5-7-54	**Gooptu,** Dhrubajyoti, M.SC. (Delhi.), Philips Ltd., Calcutta; 37/3, Russa Road, Calcutta-26.
6-9-54	**Grellet,** Jacques, Doc. in Law (Paris), *Consul General of France in Calcutta;* 17, Harrington Mansions, Calcutta. Office address: Flat 26, Park Mansions, Calcutta-16.
4-1-54	**Guha,** Priyobhushan, B.E. (Cal.), M.I.E. (India), I.A.A. (London), *City Architect,* 77, Monoharpukur Road, Calcutta-29.
6-12-54	**Jackaria,** Ismail H., B.COM., *Businessman.* 2, Rajmohan Street, Calcutta-1.
1-11-54	**Jain,** Baboo Lall, B.COM.. *Research Worker,* P 17, Kalakar Street, Calcutta-7.
4-1-54	**Kallianpur,** Gopinath, M.A., PH.D. (U.S.A.), 203, Barrackpore Trunk Road. Calcutta-35.
6-12-54	**Karim,** Mohammad Abdul, B.A., 46-A, Lower Circular Road, Calcutta-16.
5-4-54	**Kundu,** Gurupada, L.M.F., *Ayurveda Shastri, Medical Practitioner;* P. O. & Vill. Batanal, Dist. Hooghly (West Bengal).
6-12-54	**Lahiri,** Suhaschandra, M.B.B.S., *Physician, Clinical and Research Assistant in Medicine,* Calcutta National Medical Institute and Chittaranjan Hospitals, Calcutta. 100, Raja Basanta Roy Road, Calcutta-29.
5-7-54	**Maitra,** Asokkumar, B.A., *Landholder,* 65, Harrison Road, Calcutta-9.
4-1-54	**Mehta,** Madan Gopal, B.A., B.T., (Saugor Univ.), *Head Master,* Municipal High School, Sakti (E. Rly.), Dist. Bilaspur, (M.P.).
7-6-54	**Mukherjee,** Pareshnath, M.A., *Lecturer in History,* Agra University, D.A.V. College, Dehra Dun; No. 2, Vishnu Road, Dehra Dun.
6-12-54	**Mukhopadhyay,** Bratindranath, B.A., (Honours), *Member* of Bangiya Ithas Parishal. 56, Jatin Das Road, Calcutta-29.
4-1-54	**Narayan,** Lalita, M.A., *Sahityalankar,* Central Govt. Officer's Quarter, 14, Ironside Road, Calcutta-19.
4-1-54	**Rao,** S N., M.A., PH.D., *Professor of History,* Govt. College, Sangrur (P.E.P.S.U.), "Krishna Basti", Sangrur (P.E.P.S.U.).
5-4-54	**Roy,** Prasunkumar, M.A., *Lecturer in History,* St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling, c/o Sri J. K. Roy, Central Asian Antiquities Museum, Queensway, New Delhi.
1-11-54	**Roy Vaid,** Laxmi Patt, B.A., *Research Worker,* C/o Sohanlal Dugar, 5A, Lord Sinha Road, Calcutta-16.
2-8-54	**Sinha,** Jadunath, M.A., P.R.S., PH.D., *Griffith Prizeman, Mouat Medalist* (C.U.), 30, S. R. Das Road, P. O. Kalighat, Calcutta-26.

4-1-54 **Sinha,** Narendrakrishna, m.a., ph.d., *Lecturer in History*, University of Calcutta, 47A, Ekdalia Road, Calcutta-19.

5-7-54 **Surti,** D. B., m.sc. (Agri.) Poona, 1, Alipore Road, Calcutta.

7-6-54 **Tagore,** Prabodhendunath, b.a., *Landholder*, 35, Durponarain Tagore Street, Calcuta-6.

1-3-54 **Taylor,** Harold John, m.sc. (Sheffield), ph.d. (Cantab.); *Principal*, Scottish Churches College, 3, Cornwallis Square, Calcutta-6.

PATRONS

Nov. 1951 ... Dr. H. C. Mookerjee, m.a., ph.d., d.litt.

1910-1916 ... Lord Hardinge of Penshurst, k.g., p.c., g.c.b., g.c.m.g., g.c.s.i., g.c.i.e., g.c.v.o., i.s.o.

1917-1922 ... The Most Hon'ble the Marquess of Zetland, p.c., g.c.s.i., g.c.i.e.

1922-1927 ... The Right Hon'ble the Earl of Lytton, p.c., g.c.s.i., g.c.i.e.

1926-1931 ... The Right Hon'ble the Viscount Halifax, k.g., p.c., g.c.s., g.c.i.e.

1927-1932 ... Colonel Sir Francis Stanley Jackson, p.c., g.c.i.e.

1931-1936 The Right Hon'ble the Earl of Willingdon g.m.s.i., g.c.m.g., g.m.i.e., g.b.e.

1932-1938 ... The Right Hon'ble Sir John Anderson, p.c., g.c.b., g.c.i.e.

1936-1943 ... The Most Hon'ble the Marquess of Linlithgow, k.t., p.c., g.m.s.i., g.m.i.e., g.c.i.e., d.l., o.b.e., t.d.

1938-1943 ... Sir John Arthur Herbert, g.c.i.e.

1943-1947 ... H.E. Field Marshal Viscount Wavell, p.c., g.c.b., g.m.s.i., g.m.i.e., g.m.g., m.c., Viceroy and Governor-General of India.

1943-1946 ... H.E. The Right Hon'ble Mr. R. G. Casey, c.h., d.s.o., m.c., Governor of Bengal.

1947 ... H.E. Rear Admiral The Earl Mountbatten of Burma, k.g., p.c., g.m.s.i., g.c.v.o., k.c.b., d.s.o., d.c.l., ll.d., Governor-General.

1947 ... H.E. Sir Frederic John Burrows, g.c.i.e.. Governor of Bengal.

1947 ... H.E. Sir Frederick Bourne, k.c.i.e., c.s.i., c.i.e., Governor of East Bengal.

1947-1948 ... H.E. Sri Chakrabarty Rajagopalachari, Governor of West Bengal.
(Up to Aug.)

1948-1951 ... Dr. Kailas Nath Katju, m.a., ll.d., Governor of West Bengal.
(Up to Oct.)

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY HONORARY MEMBERS

Date of Election.	*(Science)*
	150th Anniversary Occasion
15-1-34	**Einstein,** Albert, C/o Princeton University, New Jersey, U.S.A.
15-1-34	**Lacroix,** M. A., Secretaire Perpetual, Academie des Sciences, Paris.
	160th Anniversary Occasion
15-1-34	**Hedin,** Sir Sven, Stockholm, Sweden.
7-2-44	**Hill,** Prof. A. V., F.R.S., 16, Bishopswood Road, High Gate, London.
	(Letters)
	150th Anniversary Occasion
15-1-34	**Marshall,** Sir John H., KT., C.I.E., LITT.D., F.S.A., F.B.A. c/o Messrs. Grindlay & Co., Ltd., 54, Parliament Street, London.
15-1-34	**Hosain,** Taha, Cairo.
15-1-34	**Christensen,** Arthur, 62, Raadhusvej, Charlottenlund, Denmark.
15-1-34	**Kan,** J. Van, *President.* Royal Society of Arts and Letters, Batavia, Java.
	160th Anniversary Occasion
7-2-44	**Fong-Kwei,** Li, Fellow, Academia Sinica, Chungking, China.

HONORARY FELLOWS

Date of Election.	
4-2-20	**Keith,** Sir Arthur, M.D., F.R.C.S., LL.D., F.R.S.A., F.A.S, Lately Hunterian Professor at the Royal College of Surgeons of England, Club—Athenaeum, 170, Pall Mall, London. S.W.1.
2-3-21	**Thomas,** F. W., C.I.E., M.A., PH.D., F.A.S., Boden Professor of Sanskrit, University of Oxford, 161, Woodstock Road, Oxford, England.
5-5-30	**Robinson,** Sir Robert, M.A., F.R.I.C., LL.D., F.R.S.E., D.SC., F.R.S., F.A.S., Waynflete Professor of Chemistry in the University of Oxford, The Dyson Perrins Laboratory, South Parks Road, Oxford, England.
7-2-38	**Waverley,** Rt. Hon'ble Lord (formerly Sir John Anderson), P.C., G.C.B., G.C.I.E., G.C.S.I., C.B., K.C.B., F.A.S., House of Lords, Parliament, London.
4-9-39	**Sarkar,** Sir Jadunath, KT., C.I.E., M.A., D.LITT., F.A.S., 10, Lake Terrace, Calcutta-29.
4-9-39	Hon'ble Dr. Radhakrishnan, Sir S., KT., M.A., D.LIT., F.B.A., F.A.S., Chairman, Council of States, New Delhi and Deputy President, Government of India.
4-9-39	The Most Hon'ble the Marquess of Zetland, K.G., P.C., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., LL.D., D.LIT., F.B.A., F.A.S., Aske, Richmond, Yorkshire, England.
4-2-52	**Bhatnagar,** Dr. S. S., D.SC., F.R.I.C., F.INST.P., F.R.S., F.N.I., F.A.S., Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Education, Scientific and Natural Resources, New Delhi.

ORDINARY FELLOWS

Date of Election.	
2-2-16	**Fermor,** SIR, L. L., KT., O.B.E., A.R S.M., D.SC., F.G.S., M.INST. M.M., F.R.S., F.A.S.
7-2-12	**Gravely,** F. H., D.SC., F.N.I., F.A.S.
6-2-18	**Simonsen,** J. L., D.SC., F.I.C., F.R.S., F.A.S.
5-2-19	**Brown,** J. COGGIN, O.B.E., M.I.M.E., F.G.S., F.A.S.
5-2-19	**Sewell,** R. B., SEYMOUR, C.I.E., M.A., SC.D., M.R.S.C., L.R.C.P., F.L.S., F.Z.S., F.R.S., F.N.I., F.A.S.
6-2-28	**Stapleton,** H. E., M.A., D.LITT., B.SC., F.A.S.
6-2-28	**Prasad,** B., O.B.E., D.SC., F.Z.S., F.R.S.E., F.N.I., F.A.S.
6-2-28	**Bentley,** C. A., C.I.E., M.B., D.PH., D.T.M. & H., F.A.S.
3-2-30	**Hora,** S. L., D.SC., F.Z.S., F.R.S.E., F.N.I., F.A.S
3-2-30	**Mills,** J. P., C.I.E., I.C.S., M.A., J.P., F.N.I., F.A.S.
3-2-30	**Saha,** MEGHNAD, D.SC., F.R.S., F.N.I., F.A.S.
2-2-31	**Chopra,** SIR R. N., KT., C.I.E., M.A., M.D., SC.D., F.N.I., F.A.S.
2-2-31	**Whitehead,** R. B., LITT.D., F.A.S.
1-2-32	**Bocot,** J., F.A.S.
6-2-33	**Brown,** PERCY, O.B.E., A.R.C.A., F.A.S.
6-2-33	**Gangoly,** ORDHENDUCOOMAR, B.A., F.A.S.
5-2-34	**Wadia,** D. N., M.A., B.SC., F.R.G.S., F.N.I., F.A.S.
3-2-36	**Chatterji,** SUNITI KUMAR, M.A., D.LIT., F.A.S.
15-2-37	**Bahl,** K. N., D.SC., D.PHIL., F.N.I., F.A.S.
15-2-37	**Law,** N. N., M.A, B.L. PH.D., F.A.S.
6-2-39	**Mukherjee,** J. N., C.B.E., D.SC., F.N.I., F.A.S.
6-2-39	**Fox,** SIR CYRIL S., KT., D.SC., M.I.M.E., F.G.S., F.N.I., F.A.S.
5-2-40	**Guha,** B. S., M.A., A.M., PH.D., F.N.I., F.A.S.
5-2-40	**Ghoshal,** U.N., M.A, PH.D., F.A.S.
5-2-40	**Law,** B. C., M.A., B.L., PH.D., D.LITT., F.R.G.S., F.A.S.
1-2-43	**Majumdar,** R. C., M.A., PH.D., F.A.S.
7-2-44	**Pruthi,** H. S., M.SC., PH.D., F.N.I., F.A.S.
5-2-45	**Ghosh,** SIR J. C., KT., D.SC., F.N.I. F.A.S.
4-2-46	**Bagchi,** P.C., M.A., DR.-ES-LETTRES, F.A.S.
4-2-46	**Chaudhuri,** DR. (MRS.) ROMA, M.A., D.PHIL. (Oxon.), F.A.S.
4-2-46	**Rai-Chaudhuri,** DR. H. C., M.A., PH.D., F.A.S.
4-2-46	**West,** DR. W. D., M.A., SC.D. (Cantab.), F.N.I., F.A.S.
3-2-47	**Elwin,** DR. VERRIER, D.SC., (Oxon.), F.N.I., F.A.S.
3-2-47	**Mookerjea,** DR. RADHAKUMUD, M.A., PH.D., F.A.S
3-2-47	**Pasricha,** LT.-COL. C. L., M.A., M.B., B.CHIR. (Cantab.), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., I.M.S., F.N.I., F.A.S.
2-2-48	**Aiyangar,** RAO BAHADUR K. V. RANGASWAMI, M.A., F.A.S.
2-2-48	**Percival,** DR. P. G., C.B.E., PH.D., F.G.S., F.A.S.
7-2-49	**Chakravartty,** DR. N. P., O.B.E., M.A., PH.D. (Cantab.), F.A.S.
6-2-50	**Banerjea,** DR. J. N., M.A., PH.D., F.A.S.
6-2-50	**Siddiqi,** DR. M. Z., M.A., B.L., PH.D., F.A.S.
5-2-51	**Mitra,** DR. S. K. D.SC., F.N.I., F.A.S.
5-2-51	**Auden,** DR. J. B., M.A., (Cantab.), SC.D., F.G.B., F.N.I., F.A.S.
5-2-51	**Dutt,** DR. NALINAKSHA, M.A., B.L., PH.D., D.LIT. (London), F.A.S.
5-2-51	**Job,** DR. T. J. D.SC., F.A.S.
4-2-52	**Ukil,** DR. A. C., M.B., M.S.P.E., F.S.M.F.B., F N.I., F.A.S.
4-2-52	**Bhaduri,** DR. J. L., D.SC., F.A.S.
4-2-52	**Sen,** DR. B. CH., PH.D., F.A.S.
4-2-52	**Chhabra,** DR. B. CH., PH.D., F.A.S.
2-2-53	**Bose,** SATYENDRANATH, M.SC., F.A.S.

MEDAL

Barclay Memorial Medal

Recipients

1901	GREEN, E. ERNEST.
1903	ROSS, SIR RONALD, KT., K.C.B., K.C.M.G., M.R.C.S., F.R.C.S., D.P.H., LL.D., D.SC., M.D., F.R.S.
1905	CUNNINGHAM, D. D., C.I.E., F.R.S.
1907	ALCOCK, A. W., C.I.E., M.B., LL.D., F.R.S.
1909	PRAIN, SIR DAVID, KT., C.I.E., C.M.G., M.A., LL.D., F.R.S.E., F.L.S., F.Z.S., M.R.I.A., F.R.S.
1911	DIENER, CARL.
1913	LISTON, WILLIAM GLEN, C.I.E., M.D., D.P.H.
1915	GAMBLE, J. S., C.I.E., M.A., F.R.S.
1917	GODWIN-AUSEN, H. H., F.R.S., F.Z.S., F.R.G.S.
1919	ANNANDALE, DR. N., C.I.E., D.SC., C.M.Z.S., F.L.S., F.R.S.
1921	ROGERS, SIR LEONARD, KT., C.I.E., M.D., B.S., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., F.R.S.
1923	CHRISTOPHER, SIR SAMUEL, KT., C.I.E., O.B.E., F.R.S., M.B.
1925	STEPHENSON, J., C.I.E., B.SC., M.B., CH.B., F.R.S., F.R.C.S., F.R.S.E.
1927	KEMP, DR. S. W., B.A., D.SC., F.R.S., F.A.S
1929	HOWARD, SIR ALBERT, KT., C.I.E., M.A.
1931	SEWELL, DR. R. B. S., C.I.E., M.A., SC.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., F.Z.S., F.L.S., F.A.S., F.R.S.
1933	ROW, DR. R., O.B.E., D.SC.
1935	SAHNI, DR. B., M.A., SC.D., D.SC., F.G.S., F.R.S.,
1937	CHOPRA, SIR R. N., KT., C.I.E., M.A., M.D., F.A.S.
1939	MCGARRISON, SIR R., KT., C.I.E., M.D., D.S.C., F.R.C.P., LL.D., K.H.P.
1941	PRAIN, SIR DAVID, KT., C.M.G., C.I.E., M.A., LL.D., F.R.S.E., F.R.S., F.L.S., F.Z.S., M.R.I.A.
1943	BRAHMACHARI, SIR U. N., RAI BAHADUR, KT., M.A., M.D., PH.D., F.S.M.F., F.A.S.
1945	PRUTHI, DR. HEM SINGH, M.SC., PH.D., SC.D. (Cantab.), F.N.I., F.A.S.
1947	MEHTA, RAI BAHADUR, K. C., M.SC., PH.D., SC.D. (Cantab.).
1949	KRISHNAN, DR. V., M.B.B.S., M.R.C.P., D.SC., F.N.I.
1951	UKIL, DR. A. C., M.B. (Cal.), M.S.P.E., F.S.M.F.B. (Hon. Causa), F.N.I., F.A.S.
1953	BOSE, DR. S. R., PH.D., F.N.I.
1953	BAGCHEE, DR. K. D., D.SC. (London), F.N.I.

Sir William Jones Memorial Medal

Recipients

1927	WATSON, SIR MALCOLM KT., LL.D., M.D., C.M., D.P.H.
1928	GRIERSON, SIR GIORGE, A., K.C.I.E., O.M., PH.D., D.LITT., LL.D., F.B.A
1930	D'HERELLE, FELIX H.
1932	HURGRONJE, C. SNOUCK.
1934	BRAHMACHARI, SIR U. N., RAI BAHADUR, KT., M.A., M.D., PH.D., F.S.M.F., F.A.S.
1937	WENSINCK, A. J.
1940	RAY, SIR PRAFULLACHANDRA, KT., C.I.E., D.SC., F.A.S., F.N.I.
1943	RADHAKRISHNAN, SIR S., KT., M.A., D.LITT., F.B.A., F.A.S. (Hon.)
1947	SAHA, PROF. M. N., D.SC., F.R.S., F.A.S.
1953	BLOCH, DR. JULES.

Annandale Memorial Medal

Recipient

1930	Seligman, Dr. Charles Gabriel, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S
1933	Dubois, Eugene.
1936	Hutton, Dr. John Henry, C.I.E., M.A., D.SC., F.A.S.,
1939	Weidenreich, Frank.
1942	Guha, Dr. B. S., M.A., A.M., PH.D., F.N.I., F.A.S.
1945	Seymour-Sewell, Lt.-Col. R. B. S., C.I.E., M.A., SC.D. (Cantab.), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., F.Z.S., F.L.S., F.R.S., F.A.S., F.N.
1948	Bose, Sri Nirmalkumar, M.SC.
1951	Elwin, Dr. Verrier, D.SC. (Oxon.), F.N.I., F.R.A.C., F.A.S
1954	Von Koeningawald, Prof. G. H. R., University of Utrecht.

Joy Gobind Law Memorial Medal

Recipients

1929	Weber, Max.
1932	Hartert, Ernst J. O., PH.D.
1935	Berg, Leo Semenowitch.
1938	Prasad, Dr. Baini, O.B.E., D.SC., F.Z.S., F.R.S.E., F.A.S.
1941	Bahl, Dr. K. N., D.SC., D.PHIL., F.N.I., F.A.S.
1944	Hora, Dr. S. L., D.SC., F.Z.S., F.R.S.E., F.N.I., F.A.S.
1947	Dr. Lieven Ferdinand de Beaufort
1953	Ali, Mr. Salim.

Paul Johannes Bruhl Memorial Medal

Recipients

1931	Blatter, Ethelbert, S.J.
1934	Burkill, Isaac Henry, M.A.
1938	Prain, Sir David, KT., F.R.S.
1942	Ayyangr, R. B. G. N. Rangaswami, F.N.I.
1944	Bor, Dr. N. L., D.SC.
1947	Bose, Prof. S. R., M.A. PH.D., F.N.I.
1952	Biswas, Dr. K. P., M.A., D.SC. (Edin.), F.R.S.E.
1954	Chatterjee, Dr. Debabrata.

Indian Science Congress Medal, Calcutt

Recipients

1935	Saha, Dr Meghand, D.SC., F.R.S., F.A.S.
1938	Jeans, Sir James H., D.SC., SC.D., LL.D., F.I.C., F.R.S,
1943	Agharkar, Dr. S. P., M.A., PH.D., F.N.I,
1951	Mukherji, Dr. B., D.SC., M.A.

Pramathanath Bose Memorial Medal

Recipients

1943	Fermor, Sir Lewis L., F.R.S.
1947	Wadia, D. N., M.A., B.SC., F.R.G.S., F.A.S., F.N.I.
1950	West, Dr. W. D., M.A., SC.D. (Cantab.), F.N.I., F.A.S.
1952	Audden, Dr. J. B., M.A. (Cantab.), SC.D., F.G.S., F.N.I., F.A.S.
1954	Heron, Dr. A. M., D.SC. (Edin.), F.G.S., F.R.G.S., F.N.I., F.A.S.

Sir Jadunath Sarkar Gold Medal

Recipients

1947	Pissurlenkar, Sir S. S., Panduranga
1949	Gupta, Dr. Hari Ram, m.a., ph.d., d.litt.
1951	Qanungo, Dr. Kalikaranjan, m.a., ph.d.
1953	Srivastava, Dr. Ashirbadilal, m.a., ph.d.

Durga Prosad Khaitan Memorial Gold Medal

Recipients

1946	Birla, Mr. G. D.
1948	Ghosh, Sir J. C., kt., d.sc., f.n.i., f.a.s.
1950	Lalbhai, Shri Kasturbhai.
1952	Bhatnagar, Dr. S. S., d.sc., f.r.s., f.inst.p., f.i.c., f.n.i., f.s.c.i. (Hon.); f.a.s. (Hon.).
1954	Vesvesvaraiya, Sir M.

Dr. Bimalachurn Law Gold Medal

Recipients

1943	Chatterji, Dr. Suniti Kumar, m.a., d.lit., f.a.s.
1944	Bhandarkar, Dr. D. R., m.a., ph.d., f.a.s.
1945	Brown, Percy, m.b.e., a.r.c.a., f.a.s.
1946	Marshall, Sir John, c.i.e.
1947	Barua, Dr. B. M., m.a., ph.d.
1949	Ghoshal, Dr. U. N., m.a., ph.d., f.a.s.
1951	Ray Chaudhuri, Dr. Hem Chandra, m.a., ph.d., f.a s.
1953	Majumdar, Dr. R. C., m.a., ph.d., f.a.s.

Saratchandra Roy Memorial Medal

Recipients

1944	Elwin, Dr. Verrier, d.sc. (Oxon.), f.n.i., f.r.a.i., f.a.s.
1945	Mills, J. P., c.i.e., i.c.s., f.a.s.
1946	Grigson, W. V., i.c.s.
1949	Ehrenfels, Dr. U. R.. ph.d.
1952	Das, Srijut Tarakchandra, m.a.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETINGS, 1954

An Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 4th January, 1954 at 5-15 p.m.

Present

Dr. S. K. Chatterji, m.a., d.lit. (london), f.a.s., m.l.c.,
President in the Chair.

Members:

Banerjea, J. N.
Chatterjee, Manomohan
Chatterjee, R.
Chaudhuri, D. N.
Ghose, R. C.
Ghosh, Devaprasad
Ghosh, Manomohan
Ghoshal, U. N.
Gupta, Chitrita
Jain, Chhote Lal
Mukherji, B. B.
Ray, Niharranjan
Saraswati, S. K.
Sen, Nirmalchandra
Sen, Nirmalkumar
Sen, Sukumar
Syed-ullah, Md.

At the commencement of the meeting, the President said: "I am very sorry to have to inform the members about the sudden death of a very distinguished member of the Asiatic Society in the person of Dr. P. C. Sarvadhikari. He was for long years associated with the Society, *i.e.*, from 1st December, 1947, and served on several of our Committees. We now wish to show respect to his sacred memory and I would therefore request the members to stand up in silence for two minutes. I would request Dr. J. L. Bhaduri, who knew him intimately, to write an obituary notice to be read at a subsequent meeting."

Thereupon everybody stood in silent reverence of the deceased member.

1. The Chairman then said: "In accordance with Rule 40 (4) I request Dr. U. N. Ghoshal to act as the General Secretary in place of Professor J. M. Sen, who is away from Calcutta to attend the meetings of the National Institute of the Sciences of India and Indian Science Congress." The Actg. General Secretary then read out the Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on the 7th December, 1953, which were duly confirmed.
2. The Chairman next requested the Actg. General Secretary to make the usual announcements about the books presented to and pur-

chased by the Society. Dr. U. N. Ghoshal then announced the receipt of 79 books in all, *i.e.*, 29 by presentation and 50 by purchase, during the month of November, 1953, and added that those were exhibited on the table.

3. After that the Chairman requested the Actg. General Secretary to read the names of the candidates for membership and appointed Dr. Sukumar Sen and Mr. Chhotelal Jain to act as scrutineers. The ballot papers were then distributed. While the ballotting was going on, the Chairman proceeded with the next item on the agenda.

4. The Chairman enquired whether there was notice of any intended motion under Rule 57 (*d*).

There was no such motion.

5. The Chairman then requested the Actg. General Secretary to make the reports and communications from the Council under Rule 57 (*g*).

The Actg. General Secretary reported as follows:—

(*a*) Death—1

Dr. P. C. Sarvadhikari ...	(Ord. Member since 1-12-47)

(NOTE.—The President paid tributes to this distinguished Educationist. *Vide* opening speech at the commencement of the proceedings).

(*b*) Resignations—4.

Mr. Amiruddin Ahmed ...	(Ord. Member since 5-3-45)
Mr. J. A. Parkes ...	(Ord. Member since 2-9-46)
Mr. A. K. Ghosh ...	(Ord. Member since 4-2-46)
Mr. Madanlal Himmatsingka	(Ord. Member since 6-8-45)

(*c*) Withdrawal of applications—*Nil.*

(*d*) Lapses of Election—*Nil.*

The Actg. General Secretary reported further that necessary actions have been taken regarding—

(*a*) Transfer of Proportionate share for General expenditure from the following funds as provided in the Budget Estimates, 1953:—

1. From Oriental Publication Fund No. 1 ...	Rs. 3,500
2. From Publication Fund	Rs. 5,000
3. From Arabic and Persian Mss. Fund ..	Rs. 2,000

(*b*) The following allotments to the different Budget Heads noted below sanctioned from the Closing Balance of the year 1953:—

Rs. 250 to Budget Head X	(Postage)
Rs. 160 to Budget Head XI	(Electric Charges)
Rs. 96 to Budget Head II	(Provident Fund Contribution)
Rs. 750 to Budget Head XIII	(Transfer to Building Repair Fund)

6. The Chairman then requested the Actg. General Secretary to make arrangement for reading of the following paper:—

"The Skandakāṇḍa of the Padmapurāṇa—a critical analysis"
by Sri Asoke Chatterjee.

The Actg. General Secretary, read the summary from the printed notice, and remarked that as the paper had been passed by the expert, it would be published in the Journal in due course. The summary of the paper ran as noted below:—

> "In this article an attempt had been made to show that the Svarga-khaṇḍa of the Padampurāṇa is of late origin and that Kalidāsa in writing his "Abhijñana-Śakuntalā" could not have borrowed from it. Evidence, external and internal, had been adduced in support of this contention and the theories of other scholars like Professor Winternitz and Professor Haradatta Sarma have been examined. On a critical analysis it appears that there was an earlier version of the Svarga-khaṇḍa to which there were later additions before it emerged in the present form about the 14th century A. D. All these points have been touched upon with the help of relevant quotations."

7. The Chairman then called upon Professor K. M. Maitra to exhibit the manuscript of—"Kitabul Harb wa Shuj'aat—dating from the reign of Illutmish" and comment upon the same.

Professor Maitra gave a very interesting account of the manuscript and the members evinced great interest in what he said. A synopsis of Professor Maitra's speech is given below:—

> "Today I am going to describe to you a unique Persian manuscript that is in the possession of the Library of the Society. Manuscripts relating to the pre-Muslim period are few and far between. Indeed, they may be counted on the fingers of one's hands. We have only two other copies of this manuscript, one of which is in the British Museum and the other is in the India Office Library. The first folio is unfortunately missing from our manuscript, while the British manuscript lacks the colophon. The India Office copy is not only complete but also appears to present a much fuller, revised version, as it consists of 40 Chapters, while ours and

also the British Museum copy contain only 34 Chapters. The India Office Codex No. 2767 as described by Dr. Ethe seems to be a later reduction of the same Ms. and contains six additional Chapters dealing with Statecraft. But it is entitled "Adabu'l Muluk wa Kifyatu'l Mamluk" (Art of Kingship and Self-sufficiency in Governance).

Its author gives his name as Sharif Muhummad Mubarak Shah, son of Mansur, son of Said, son of Abu'l Faraj and so on traces his genealogy up to Caliph Abu. Bokr (reg. 632-634). That is why he calls himself Siddiqi. He also mentions that he is popularly known by his honorific of Fakri Mudabhir, (N. B. *Fakhri Mudir* is a misreading on the part of late Sir Dennison Ross as well as that of Mr. Mohammad Nazim, the biographer of Sultan Mahmud). Although the work professes to be a manual of Administrative and Military Science, it is enlivened by a very large number of what might be appropriately described as *histoire anecdotique*, introduced by way of illustration of some fact that he wants to explain. From the internal evidence one comes to the conclusion that the author was born about the year 545/1150, during the sack of Ghazni by the Ghurid king Atau'd-Din Jahansuz the uncle of the redoubtable conqueror of India known as Shihabu'd Din Ghori. He dedicated this work to Sultan Iltutmish (reg. 1211-1235), on whom he showers most high-sounding epithets running on to half a page. He also wrote another work, which he dedicated to Qutbu'd-Din Aybak, the first Muslim ruler of Delhi. This latter work has been published by Sir Dennison Ross under the title of Tarikhi Fakhr Ud-Din Mubaraksh. Sir Dennison has however wrongly ascribed its authorship to one Fakhru'd-Din Mubarakshah, who was a nobleman of the Ghurid kingdom. This statement of Sir Dennison is vitiated by the glaring fact that this Fakhru'd-Din died in the month of Shaurval (10th month of the Arabian Calendar) of A. H. 602/1206 A. D. according to the historian Ibnu'l-Athir, while there is mentioned in it an event which took place in the month of *Zu'l-Qada, i.e.*, the 11th month of the same year.

The administrative portion of this work is very valuable from the point of view of the system of government that was introduced into India by its early Muslim rulers. This system was based upon that of the Samanid rulers of Persia, whom the Ghaznavid dynasty displaced. The Samanids themselves based their administrative system upon the old Persian bureaucratic model of the Sasanids. According to this system the king stood in need of an efficient and strong bureaucracy for the carrying out of the functions of various departments called *divan,* under his direct control. Thus in peace time, the chief rôle of the king was concerned with the choice of capable and honest officials to whom the work of administration could be entrusted. The highest civil officer was the Prime Minister, entitled the Khwaja Buzurg. Next to him came the auditor-in-General called Mustwafiu'l Mamabk, who was the head of the Finance department. Thereafter came the Foreign Secretary entitled Khwaju 'Amid (lit. Mainstay of the State). After him came the *Sahib Barid,* the head of the Postal Service, corresponding to our Director-General of Post. The next in importance was the *Mushrifu'l Mawalik* the Inspector General of Intelligence Service, who was the head of the C. I. D. Then came tre *Muhtasib* or the Censor of Public Morals. The author of this treatise describes the various qualifications that are essential for the appointment to these several departments and advises the king how to act in the manner as to secure the very best talent in the country for the efficient working of his Civil Service. The discussion of the second portion constituting the Military organisation would be taken up at some future occasion."

After Professor Maitra had finished his speech, the President, Dr. U. N. Ghoshal and Professor Syedullah of Dacca University joined in a discussion that followed.

The President then thanked Professor Maitra on behalf of the members for his very interesting account of the manuscript and expressed the hope that he would give a more detailed account of the remainder of the manuscript at some future date.

8. On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman said that the following candidates for membership had been duly elected:—

(41) Sinha, Narendrakrishna, M.A., Ph.D., Lecturer in History, University of Calcutta; 47A, Ekdalia Road, Calcutta-19.
Proposer : Nirmalchandra Bhattacharyya. Seconder : R. Chatterjee.

(42) Rao. S. N., M.A., Ph.D., Professor of History. Government College, Sangrur (P.E.P.S.U.), "Krishna Basti," Sangrur (P.E.P.S.U.).
Proposer : Maharaj Kumar Dr. Raghubir Singh. Seconder : R. Chatterjee.

(43) Ghosh, Suddhodan, D.Sc. (Cal.), Lecturer in Applied Mathematics. University of Calcutta; 219, Rashbehari Avenue, Ballygunge, Calcutta-29.
Proposer : J. L. Bhaduri. Seconder ; H. K. Mookerjee.

(44) Guha, Priyobhushan, B.E. (Cal.), M.I.E. (India), I.A.A. (London), City Architect, 77, Monoharpukur Road, Calcutta-29.
Proposer : Nirmalchandra Bhattacharyya. Seconder : R. Chatterjee.

(45) Patel, Darius Nusserwanji, L.E.E., 1, Theatre Road, Calcutta-16.
Proposer : R. Chatterjee. Seconder : K. M. Maitra.

(46) Narayan, Lalita, M.A., Sahityalankar, Central Government Officers' Quarter, 14, Ironside Road, Calcutta-19.
Proposer : R. Chatterjee. Seconder : P. Chakravarti.

(47) Kallianpur, Gopinath, M.A., Ph.D., 203, Barrackpore Trunk Road, Calcutta-35.
Proposer : S. K. Saraswati. Seconder : R. Chatterjee.

(48) Mehta, Madan Gopal, B.A., B.T., Head Master, Municipal High School, Sakti (E. Rly.), Dist. Bilaspur (M.P.).
Proposer : V. P. Jha. Seconder : R. Chatterjee.

After the last announcement the Chairman declared the meeting as dissolved

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Minutes of the Proceedings of the Monthly Meeting held on Monday, the 1st February, 1954, *immediately after the termination of the Annual Meeting.*

PRESENT

DR. D. M. BOSE, M.A., Ph.D., F.N.I., *Vice-President* (in the Chair).

Members:

Basu, U. P.
Banerjea, J. N.
Bhattacharyya, N. C.
Chatterjee, Asoke
Chatterjee, P. C.
Chatterjee, U.
Chaudhuri, S. N.
Ghose, R. C.
Ghosh, Chanchalkumar
Ghosh, J. C.
Griffiths, Walter G.
Gupta, A. B.
Gupta, P. C.
Hazra, R. C.
Hora, S. L.
Jain, C. L.
Mookerjee, H. K.
Sen, J. M.
Sen, N. C.
Sen, Nirmalkumar
Sen, Sukumar
Ukil, A. C.

1. The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting held on the 4th January, 1954 were read and confirmed.

2. The Chairman requested the General Secretary to announce the receipt of books presented to and purchased by the Society. The General Secretary announced the receipt of 19 books by presentation and 30 by purchase up to December, 1953. He pointed

out that these were exhibited on the table in the Library for members' inspection.

3. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to read out from the printed notice the name of the candidate for membership of the Society and appointed Dr. H. K. Mookerjee and Dr. A. C. Ukil to act as scrutineers for scrutinising the voting papers.

4. The Chairman enquired if any member wished to give notice of any motion under Rule 49 (*d*)

There was no such motion.

5. The Chairman then requested the General Secretary to make the reports and communications from the Council under Rule 49 (*g*). The General Secretary reported as follows:—

(*a*) Death—1.

Sir Edward Maclagan ... (Life Member since 11-1-39) The Chairman requested Professor N. C. Bhattacharyya to read the obituary notice of Sir Edward Maclagan. After Professor Bhattacharyya had finished reading the obituary notice the Chairman thanked him for his very interesting sketch of Sir Edward who he said was a great administrator and formerly a Governor of the Punjab.

(*b*) Resignations—2.

(*i*) Mr. S. C. Mitter ... (Ord. Member since 30-9-45)
(*ii*) Mr. H. G. Harris ... (Ord. Member since 1-2-26)

(*c*) Withdrawal of applications—*Nil.*

(*d*) Lapses of Election—2.

(*i*) Sm. Sushila Mondal.
Proposer : Dr. M. L. Roy Chowdhury. Seconder : R. Chatterjee.

(*ii*) Amalkumar Bose.
Proposer : Debiprasad Chattopadhyaya. Seconder : R. Chatterjee.

The General Secretary reported further—

(*e*) That the Council agreed to contribute Rs. 600 towards the cost of the restoration of the tomb of Sir William Jones at the request of the Secretary, South Park Street Cemetery Restoration Fund Committee.

The General Secretary added that as already mentioned in the Annual Meeting the money is being raised by donations from members and the Society would meet the balance.

6. Preliminary consideration of the Annual Report and Accounts for 1953, in terms of Rule 50 (*iv*).

The General Secretary intimated that if any member wanted to make any observations on the report then he would have to intimate to the Office in writing by the 15th of February, so that the same might be discussed and adopted at the next Monthly General Meeting to be held in March, 1954.

7. On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced the result of the ballot for the election of the following member and declared him as duly elected, and the meeting as dissolved:—

(1) Crowell, Arthur Renfro, B.S., B.D., M.A. (Columbia University), D.D., Professor of English and Head of the English Department, Albany State College, University System of Ga.; Local Address: 151, Dharamtala Street, Calcutta-13.

Proposer: Rev. Dr. Water G. Griffiths. Seconder: S. K. Saraswati.

An Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 1st March, 1954 at 5-15 p.m.

Present

Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterjee, M.A., D.Lit., F.A.S., M.L.C.,
President (in the Chair).

Members:

Bhaduri, J. L.
Bhattacharyya, N. C.
Chakravarti, P.
Chatterjee, K. R.
Chatterjee, M. D.
Chatterjee, P. P.
Das Gupta, C. C.
Ghosh, Chanchalkumar
Griffiths, Walter G.
Gupta, P. C.
Hasan, Mohibul
Massani, S. M. K.
Maitra, K. M.
Mitra, Sisirkumar
Mookerjee, R. P.
Mukherji, Binoybhushan
Ray, Sukumar
Sen, J. M.
Sen, Nirmal K.
Sen, Sukumar
Siddiqi, M. Z.

Visitors:

Bhattacharya, Sudhibhushan.
Griffiths, P.

1. The Chairman requested the General Secretary to read the Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on the 1st February, 1954. The General Secretary read the Minutes which were duly confimed.

2. The Chairman asked the General Secretary to announce the receipt of books presented to and purchased by the Society. The General Secretary announced the receipt of 52 books during January as noted in the Appendix, and said that they had been exhibited on the table for members' inspection.

3. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to read the names of the candidates for membership of the Society. He then appointed Dr. M. Ghosh and Dr. J. L. Bhaduri to act as scrutineers. The ballot papers were then distributed to the members and the Chairman passed on to the next item on the agenda.

4. The Chairman enquired if any member wished to give notice of any motion under Rule No. 49 (*d*).

There was no such motion, some discussion however, took place about non-delivery of the journal to members.

Professor N C Bhattacharyya: "I think there is an important matter which I must bring to the notice of the meeting. I have heard serious complaints about non-receipt of the journals from more than one person. I was really under the impression that all these journals had been sent to the general body of members. But when they were not being received as some asserted, I was really surprised, and I actually combated their statements and attributed it to postal mistakes. Later on it transpired that this sort of thing happened with every issue of the journal. I hope the General Secretary will take steps in this connection and hold an enquiry and so arrange that such delays may not recur in future."

General Secretary: "The laxity on the part of the office in not sending journals to a large number of members was noticed a few weeks back. I had to take drastic action in regard to the matter. I fully reported to the last Council what had actually transpired. I had already taken steps and have mentioned the fact to Mr. Bhattacharyya, and other members of the Council, that serious notice was being taken of such dereliction on the part of those responsible for the despatch of journals."

Professor Bhattacharyya: "I think something ought to be done. This is such a serious matter that the persons responsible ought to be dealt with suitably. I am also eager to know who is responsible for sending the journals to members."

General Secretary: "There are two or three persons responsilbe for this."

The Chairman then assured the members that every endeavour would be made to enquire into the matter, and members who did not receive any particular issue of the journal might hand over to the Secretary a note about gaps so that those might be supplied to them.

Dr. C. C. Das Gupta: "Dr. Dasgupta complained that the receipt of journals by him had been very irregular and that he brought the matter to the notice of the office and even advised the office that the staff should be in a position to prove the despatch of journals either per Registered Cover or under Certificate of Posting."

General Secretary: "Though I am very thankful to the members for bringing this to our notice, I have taken still better precautions as this was already discovered by me. I may inform the members that in the Monthly Meeting Notices for April onwards members will find a footnote about the month and the issue number of the journal last printed, so that members would be able to check and write to the office immediately if any number did not reach any of them within a month of the date of issue. The question of extra postage for over 600 paying members for despatch in Registered Covers is not an easy problem."

Dr. Das Gupta: "The whole procedure of sending the journals must be revised so that irregularity in despatch may not recur. Members must be informed beforehand how many parts of the journal would come out in any year so that all members would be able to check whether they got their copies or not."

General Secretary: "I think most members know that the Society issues 4 numbers every year, that is, two parts of Science and two parts of Letters as far as practicable. On account of paucity of articles for the Science number in some years three parts of Letters and only one part of Science came out. We cannot definitely say how many numbers will come out in future years but during the last two years 4 numbers of the journal had been published each year. However, Dr. Das Gupta's suggestions will be kept in mind and put up for the consideration of the Publication Committee. In future we shall endeavour to send the journals to the members in time."

5. The Chairman then requested the General Secretary to make the reports and communications from the Council under Rule 49 (*g*):

The General Secretary reported as follows:—

(*a*) Death—*Nil.*

(*b*) Resignations—*Nil.*

(*c*) Withdrawal of applications—*Nil.*

(*d*) Lapses of Election—*Nil.*

The General Secretary reported further as follows:—

(*e*) That the Council of the Asiatic Society sanctioned a Conveyance Allowance at the rate of Rs. 150 per month for the General Secretary for the period from 1st March, 1954 to 28th February, 1955.

(*f*) Under Rule 41 (*d*), that the period of appointment of Sri Rajendarchandra Kar, as the Publication Assistant in the General Office, and of Sri Anilkumar Datta, as a temporary Technical Assistant in the Library has been further extended until further orders on the same terms and conditions as before.

(*g*) That seven Statutory Committees mentioned below consisting of the members mentioned against each were formed:—

(1) *Finance Committee:*—Dr. Suniti Knmar Chatterji (President), Professor J. M. Sen (General Secretary), Dr. K. N. Bagchi (Treasurer), Mr. N. K. Sen, Dr. S. L. Hora, Mr. S. Banerjee, Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, Mr. A. Gupta, Mr. Subodhkumar Ghosh, Dr. S. K. Mitra, Mr. L. P. Misra, Mr. Sudhansumohan Banerji.

(2) *Library Committee:*—Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji (President), Professor J. M. Sen (General Secretary), Dr. K. N. Bagchi (Treasurer), Dr. Sukumar Sen (Philological Secretary), Maulvi Said Ahmed Akberabadi (Joint Philological Secretary), Dr. U. P. Basu (Physical Science Secretary), Dr. H. K. Mookerjee (Biological Secretary), Professor K. P. Chattopadhyaya (Anthropological Secretary), Dr. J. N. Banerjea (Historical and Archaeological Secretary), Dr. A. C. Ukil (Medical Secretary), Dr (Mrs.) Roma Chaudhuri (Library Secretary), Dr. U. N. Ghoshal, Dr. P. C. Gupta, Dr. M. Ghosh and Mr. W. E. Catto.

(3) *Publication Committee:*—Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji (President), Professor J. M. Sen (General Secretary), Dr. K. N. Bagchi (Treasurer)', Dr. Sukumar Sen (Philological Secretary), Maulvi Said Ahmed Akberabadi (Joint Philological Secretary). Dr. U. P. Basu (Physical Science Secretary), Dr. H. K. Mookerjee (Biological Secretary), Prof K. P. Chattopadhyaya (Anthropological Secretary), Dr. J. N. Bannerjea (Historical and Archaeological Secretary), Dr. A. C. Ukil (Medical Secretary), Dr. (Mrs.) Roma Chaudhuri (Library Secretary) Professor Haridas Bhattacharyya, Dr. S. K. Mitra, Dr. R. C. Hazra and Dr. M. Ghosh.

(4) *Bibliotheca Indica Committee:*—Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji (President), Professor J. M. Sen (General Secretary), Dr. K. N. Bagchi (Treasurer), Dr. J. N. Banerjea, Dr. Sukumar Sen, Maulvi Said Ahmed Akberabadi, Sir Jadunath Sarkar, Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi, Dr. S. N. Sen, Dr. U. N. Ghoshal.

(5) *Cultural Advisory Committee:*—President, General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer (*ex-officio*), Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, Mr. Justice B. K. Guha, Dr. Radhabinod Pal, Dr M. Z. Siddiqi, Dr. R. C. Majumdar, Professor N. C. Bhattacharyya, Dr. J. N. Banerjea, Dr. P. C. Gupta, Dr. (Mrs.) Roma Chaudhuri, Dr. N. N. Law, Mr. Devaprasad Ghosh, Maulvi Said Ahmed Akberabadi, Mr. Chhotelal Jain, Sir C. Sivaramamurti, Sri Kaliprasad Khaitan, Dr. S. N. Sen, Mr. W. E. Catto and Mr. R. Pearson.

(6) *Scientific Advisory Committee*:—President, General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer (*ex-officio*), Dr. J. C. Ghosh, Dr. S. C. Law, Rev. Dr. W. G. Griffiiths, Dr. D. M. Bose, Dr. B. S. Guha, Dr. U. P. Basu, Dr. H. K. Mookerjee, Professor K. P. Chattopadhyaya, Dr. A. C. Ukil, Dr. J. C. Mukherji, Dr. M. N. Saha, Dr. J. N. Mookerjee, Professor S. N. Bose, Dr. H. P. Biswas, Dr. S. L. Hora, Dr. S. K. Mitra, Dr. J. L. Bhaduri, Dr. P. K. Ghosh and Mr. Samar Sen.

(7) *Membership Committee:*—Dr. S. K. Chatterji (President), Professor J. M. Sen (General Secretary), Dr. K. N. Bagchi (Treasurer), Mr. N. K. Sen, Prafessor Nirmalchandra Bhattacharyya, Mr. Chhotelal Jain, Dr. A. C. Ukil and Mr. W. E. Catto.

The following discussions took place relative to items Nos. 5 (*e*) and 5 (*f*), *viz.,* Budget for 1954, after the General Secretary had finished making his above announcements:—

Justice Mookejee: "I find two items requiring particular attention. The first item relates to Conveyance Allowance of the General Secretary, and the second item comprises the report under Rule 41 (*d*), regarding the temporary appointment of two persons mentioned. I have just got a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Society. I find from the same that new appointments shall be subject to confirmation at the next General Meeting. Accordingly, the item, as put in the agenda of the Monthly Meeting, is not formally correct. As they relate to temporary appointments, the words "Until further orders" ought to be replaced by a definite period, for say, six months. It is realised that if the item is passed in that vague form, there is a possibility that it might be lost sight of. All temporary appointments shall be for a fixed period, and that point should be borne in mind by the Council in future."

General Secretary: "I think under the new Regulation this item will have to go back to the Council. The recommendation shall stand but will be formally placed again at the next meeting of the Council and the resolution will have to be recast in a proper form.

With regard to item No. 5 (*e*), I think it has been misunderstood that sanction of the Conveyance Allowance of the General Secretary for the period up to February, 1955 implied sanction up to that month immediately. As the Budget has been passed only up to April no commitments made beyond that period can be made just now. At to-day's meeting the period may be taken to read up to 30th April because the Budget will come up again. Hence as regards item No. 5 (*e*) we may consider it as up to April, 1954 and for item No. 5 (*f*) it will go back to the Council for mentioning a definite period for which the appointments are to continue."

Professor N. C. Bhattacharyya: "Item No. 5 (*e*) also may better go back to the Council. You are reporting to-day that the Council sanctioned the conveyance allowance up to 28th February, 1955. The General Body is not competent to do that in view of the fact that the Budget Estimates have not yet been approved."

General Secretary: "The matter will be placed before the Council again at their next meeting.

6. The next item on the agenda was the discussion and adoption of the Annual Report as per Rule 50 (*c*) (*iv*).

General Secretary: "I may now by way of explanation that the usual procedure, regarding the Annual Report had been followed at the Annual General Meeting, and the Monthly Meeting which followed it. Copies of the Report were sent to all members of the Society. We have not so far received any formal suggestions in regard to the Budget items, or any other part of the Report as presented. The only point I may say is that both the last year's Finance Committee and the Council passed the Budget only for the period January to April on the basis of the expenditure of the previous year. A new Special Committee was formed to investigate the question of increasing the receipts and, if possible of reducing the expenditure. The Committee has not yet finalised anything. Only one meeting has been held and certain tentative suggestions have been made and therefore this need not be considered at to-day's meeting. If members present make any suggestions, those may be helpful to the Special Committee and to the Council and the Finance Committee in framing the next year's Budget."

Chairman: "The recommendations of the Special Committee will first be considered by the Finance Committee and then it will be placed before the Council for final orders."

General Secretary: "I would now suggest, as Justice Mookerjee proposed to-day, that consideration of the Annual Report and a fuller discussion of the Budget Estimates may take place at a subsequent meeting after the Budget Estimates are approved by the Council."

Justice Mookerjee: "So far as the Special Committee is concerned if we want the recommendations made by that Committee to be placed before the Finance Committee then the Committee ought to meet in March. I find that all the members of the Special Committee are also members of the Finance Committee. It is more or less a sub-committee of the Finance Committee. Therefore, before the end of March the Special Committee may easily make their recommendations."

Chairman: "During the month of March we shall hold the Special Finance Committee meeting for examining the financial position of the Society."

Justice Mookerjee: "The Special Committee cannot possibly meet before the first week of April. The meeting of the Special Committee may better be held then at the beginning of April, say before the 12th, for ensuring the presence of the Government of India nominee at the deliberations of that Committee."

Chairman: "This suggestion of Justice Mookerjee will be borne in mind while fixing the date of the meeting of the Special Committee."

7. The Chairman then called upon Dr. Mahdi Husain to read and comment upon his paper entitled "On Manuscripts of Ibn Battuta's Rehla in Paris".

Dr. Husain then said: "President and Gentlemen: The subject matter of my talk to-day is analysed on the black board here. I have given some details about what the manuscript is about and the author of the manuscript. Ibn Battuta enjoyed the patronage of the Sultan and was able to write and travel extensively. There are 5 manuscripts in Paris, two of them completed in the 17th century, equivalent to 12th century A. H. His manuscripts have been translated into Urdu and Hindi and there is a suggestion that it should also be translated into Bengali." The members present evinced keen interest in all that he said.

After he had finished his speech the Chairman delivered a short speech dealing with a few outstanding points about the great and versatile author Ibn Battuta and added that the paper would duly appear in our Journal. He then thanked Dr. Husain on behalf of the members present and on behalf of himself for his very interesting talk.

8. The Chairman then called upon Professor Shivaprasad Bhattacharyya to make his communication and comment upon the same, *viz.*, "The Neo-Buddhistic Nucleus in Alaṁkāra Śāstra"

Professor Bhattacharyya said: "Gentlemen, my subject is rather abstruse and difficult but I shall try to explain it to the best of my ability. Bharata Muni laid the foundations of the Sastras. The earliest Sastras were most probably written between the 5th and the 9th centuries

A. D. The neo-Buddhist views were however refuted in many Sastras and students of Alamkāra find it difficult to reconcile how Buddhist views could be referred to in the Sastras."

The speaker then quoted many verses form the Alaṁkāra Śāstras in support of his contention. He tried to establish the point that neo-Buddhists made important contributions to the present day Sastras, especially the Alaṁkāra Śāstras.

After Professor Bhattacharyya had concluded the Chairman summed up the main points of the Pundit's speech, and thanked Professor Bhattacharyya for presenting the subject in a new aspect, and said that when his article would be printed, it would enable scholars to examine the views as presented by Professor Bhattacharyya.

9. After that on the report of the scutineers, the Chairman announced that all the candidates named below were duly elected and declared the meeting closed:—

(2) Jain, Kiran (Srimati), M.A., Flat No. 21, P-3, Chandni Street, Calcutta-13.
Proposer : Satyendra. Seconder : R. Chatterjee.

(3) Batbedat, Jean, Vice-Consul for France in Calcutta; 5, Park Mansions, Park Street, Calcutta-16.
Proposer : Suniti Kumar Chatterji. Seconder : Jitendranath Banerjea.

(4) Taylor, Harold John, M.Sc. (Sheffield), Ph.D. (Cantab.), Principal, Scottish Church College, 3, Cornwallis Square, Calcutta-6.
Proposer : John Kellas. Seconder : Bholanath Mukherjee.

An Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 5th April, 1954 at 5-15 p.m.

PRESENT:

DR. S. K. CHATTERJI, M.A., D.Lit. (London), F.A.S., M.L.C.,
President (in the Chair).

Members:

Basu, U. P.
Bhattacharyya, Nirmal
Chatterjee, P. P.
Chatterjee, R.
Chaudhuri, B. N.
Dasgupta, C. C.
Gupta, P. C.
Hora, S. L.
Mitra, Sisirkumar
Mukherji, K. C.
Saraf, C. M.
Sen, J. M.
Sen, Nirmalchandra
Sen, Nirmalkumar
Sen, Sukumar

Visitors:

Bhattacharyya, Sudhibhushan.
Jones, N. W. E.

In the absence of the General Secretary at the commencement of the meeting the Chairman appointed Dr. Sukumar Sen to perform the duties of the General Secretary pending his arrival.

1. The Chairman requested the General Secretary to read the Minutes of the last Monthly General Meeting held on the 1st March, 1954. Dr. Sukumar Sen then read the Minutes which were duly confirmed.

2. The Chairman asked the General Secreary to announce the receipt of books presented to and purchased by the Society. The General Secretary then announced the receipt of 37 such books during the month of February, 1954 and said that they were exhibited on the table for the inspection of members.

3. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to read the names of the candidates for membership of the Society. He then appointed Dr. P. C. Gupta and Dr. C. C. Dasgupta to act as scrutineers. The ballot papers were then distributed and while voting took place, the next item on the agenda was taken up.

4. The Chairman next enquired if any member wished to give notice of any motion under Rule 49 (*d*).

There was no such motion, but Mr. Basantakumar Chattopadhayaya showed some correspondence to the Chairman relating to the change in the rule for allowing a discussion relating to the speech of the President delivered at the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman read out the letter to the members present.

After this there was some discussion in which Dr. S. L. Hora, Professor N. C. Bhattacharyya and the President joined. It was eventually decided by the Chairman that Mr. Chattopadhayaya should give a notice at the next meeting in the proper form. This was agreed to by the members.

5. The Chairman then requested the Actg. General Secretary to make reports and communications from the Council under Rule No. 49 (*g*).

The General Secretary then reported as follows:—

(*a*) Death—*Nil.*

(*b*) Resignation—1

Mr. Jayantilal Ojha .. (Ord. Member since 1-9-47)

(*c*) Withdrawal of applications—*Nil.*

The General Secretary reported further as follows:—

(*d*) That the Council of the Asiatic Society sanctioned a Conveyance Allowance at the rate of Rs. 150 per month for the General Secretary for the period from 1st March, 1954 to 30th April, 1954.

(*Note.*—As the Budget Estimates had been provisionally approved ionly up to 30th April, 1954, the Conveyance Allowance for the General Secretary has been sanctioned up to that date.)

(*e*) That under 41 (*d*) the Council recommended the extension of the period of temporary appointment of Mr. Rajendrachandra Kar, as the Publication Assistant in the General Office, and also Mr. Anilkumar Datta, as Technical Assistant in the Library up to 31st May, 1954, on the same terms and conditions as before, and decided that the two posts would be advertised for recruitment of suitable candidates.

The Chairman then explained the reasons for the recommendation made by the Council and added that the two candidates would have the right to apply again. He then read out Justice Mookerjee's letter in this connection, about referring the matter to the Finance Committee. After some discussion by Dr. S. L. Hora and Professor N. C. Bhattacharyya, the Chairman accepted the plea that as a matter of courtesy and not as a matter of procedure this should be referred to the Finance Committee in the first instance.

(*f*) That under Rule 4 read with Rule 37 the Council recommended the creation of a new Secretaryship called the Publication Secretary for the year 1954 and that Dr. P. C. Gupta would act as the Publication Secretary with effect form 6th April, 1954.

The Chairman observed that it was found that the publication work was being delayed and as proper supervision was necessary it was thought that Dr. Gupta would act as the Publication Secretary to look after the Publication Section as of late the work of that Section had increased so much that the General Secretary needed the assistance of a Sectional Secretary as regards the work of the Publication Department.

6. The Chairman then took up the neext item on the agenda, *viz.*, the discussion and adoption of the Annual Report for 1953 in accordance with Rule 50 (*c*) (*iv*).

(*Note.*—Consideration of this item was postponed at the Ordinary General Meeting held in March, 1954 because the Budget Estimates for the year 1954 could not be finally approved by the Council before the date of the March meeting.)

The Chairman said that as the Budget Estimates had been approved up to 30th April, there was no harm in adopting the Annual Report for 1953 formally subject to that proviso.

This was agreed to by the members present and so the Annual Report for 1953 was formally adopted at the meeting.

At this point the General Secretary, Professor J. M. Sen, arrived and took over the remaining items on the agenda.

7. The Chairman then requested Dr. Sukumar Sen to read and comment upon his paper on "Royal Charters and Administrative Documents in Ancient India."

Dr. Sukumar Sen gave an idea of the nature of the documents referred to through an analysis of the various materials available in ancient India and outside, *viz.*, in countries like China. Explanatory comments about many expressions generally used were made. After Dr. Sen had finished his speech, Dr. C. C. Das Gupta and Dr. S. K. Chatterji joined in an interesting discussion about the paper of Dr. Sen.

After that the Chairman thanked Dr. Sen on his own and on behalf of the members for the very fine paper which he said would be appreciated by all scholars who were interested in the subject.

8. As the authors of the following papers were not present to read and comment on their papers the Chairman said that as the papers were passed by the referees, they would be published in the Journal of the Society. The summaries of the papers would be found below:—

(*a*) Madanpāḍā Plate of Viśvarūpasena by Dr. D. C. Sircar.

In this paper the author has tried to re-edit the inscription found on the copper plate originally discovered by Mr. N. N. Basu as early as 1892 and edited in the Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, vol. xiv, 1896, part 1, pp. 6-15. Mr. N. G. Mazumdar could not improve on it in his Inscriptions of Bengal, vol. III, 1929, pp. 133-139. An attempt has been made to reconstruct the text with interesting results. The existence of a ruler named Surya Sena has come to light. The conclusion that may be drawn from this fact has also been discussed at length.

(*b*) Daulat Kazi and his language by Mr. Satyendranath Ghoshal.

In this paper the author gives an analysis of the peculiarities noticeable in the poetry of the Muslim poet Daulat Kazi who once ruled over Arakan. The poem composed by him, *viz.*, Sati Mazana was but half finished, all the same, it deserves perusal. The Bengali used by him is predominantly Sanskritic, though there are also some unfamiliar words of Perso-Arabic origin. It is remarkable that the influence of *braja buli* and Jayadeva's *Gita-Govinda* is also noticeable in it. With the help of quotations the author tried to prove this point and other conclusions drawn by him.

(*c*) Vaṅgīya Sāhitya Parishad Plate of Viśvarūpasena by Dr. D. C. Sircar.

This inscription was first edited by Mr. H. P. Sastri and then by Mr. N. G. Majumdar. None of these scholars however succeeded in correctly reading and interpreting the difficult grant-portion of the record. The author of the present article has offered his own reading and interpretation of the said part of the inscription. He has also shown that the name of Laksmanasena's queen, read by Sastri as Tattanadevi and by Majumdar as Tyastanadevi, is clearly Ahvanadevi.

9. The Chairman next requested Dr. Sunder Lal Hora to make his communication on "Two Enemies of Bengal Freshwater Fishes" and to comment upon the same.

The summary of Dr. Hora's communication was as follows:—

Among the "Bazaar Paintings of Calcutta": "The Style of Kalighat," recently published by Mr. W. G. Archer (*Museum Monograph* No. 7, Victoria Albert Museum, London, March, 1953), there are reproductions of two paintings from the Monier William Collection (Indian Institute, Oxford), which are of special interest to fish culturalists in Bengal.

On plate No. 16 (*ca* 1860), there is a picture of a "Snake eating a Fish." The snake is the *Jal Dhora Sap* or "Checkered Keel back" snake of Bengal—*Natrix piscator* (Scheneider). Though in the scientific name, there is a specific reference to its fish-eating habits, in the Bengali and common English name reference is made to some other characteristic of the animal. The fish in the mouth of the snake is Rui—*Labeo rohita* (Ham.), the most favoured of the fresh water fishes of Bengal. Though the drawing of the snake as also of the fish are not scientifically accurate, as far as details are concerned, their look alone leaves no doubt about their identity.

The second painting under reference is on plate 23 (*ca* 1880) entitled "Fishing Eagle." The eagle is the common Pallas Fishing eagle-*Haliaeetus leucoryphus* (Pallas). The staple food of these eagles is fish and they are entirely fresh water fishes. Their great strength allows them to capture, from shallows and drying pools quite large fishes, sometimes 10 to 13 pounds have been found to be dragged to the bank. Here the fish in the claws and beak of the bird is "Lata"-*Ophicephalus punctatus* Bloch, a well-known *Jiol Machh* of Bengal. This fish usually lives in shallow, marshy and stagnant waters and may even wander on dry, wet land. In such situations this fish is more liable to be sighted and picked up by an eagle.

According to Leigh Ashton, Director, Victoria and Albert Museum, the Kalighat pictures are not only "an invaluable key to popular Indian interests but they reveal the Indian feeling for line, from and rhythm in its least inhibited guise." The two pictures commented upon here reveal accuracy of observations and from the natural history point of view, are very instructive. When it is realised that such paintings could be purchased for a few annas by any pilgrim visiting the Kalighat Temple not very long ago, one feels sorry that such opportunities for mass visual education are now almost gone. Both the snake and the fishing eagle still continue to be destructive to pond fisheries and Fish culturists take special measures to exclude them from the fisheries.

After comments Dr. Hora showed the Chairman and members present the original drawings and said that these would be included in the series of articles which would comprise the book he was writing on "Fish."

The Chairman then thanked Dr. Hora on his own and on behalf of the members present and said that there was plenty of materials on the subject which had not been used so long, and so Dr. Hora deserved to be praised for taking up the subject in hand for presentation to the public.

10. On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman then announced the result of the ballot and the formal election of the following new members and declared the meeting as closed:—

(5) Roy, Prasunkumar, M.A., Lecturer in History, St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling, C/o Mr. J. K. Roy, Central Asian Antiquities Museum, Queensway, New Delhi.

Proposer : S. K. Saraswati. Seconder : P. Chakravarti.

(6) Bose, Sushilkumar, M.A., Managing Director, The Press Syndicate, Ltd., 2, Hindusthan Road, Ballygunge, Calcutta.

Proposer : S. K. Saraswati. Seconder : P. Chakravarti.

(7) Kundu, Gurupada, L.M.F., Ayurveda Shastri, Medical Practitioner, P.O. and Vill. Batanal, Dist. Hooghly (West Bengal).

Proposer : R. Chatterjee. Seconder : K. M. Maitra.

(8) Satyanarayana, Challangulla, Income Tax Officer, 'Kamala Vilas," Rash Behari Avenue, Calcutta-26.

Proposer : R. Chatterjee. Seconder : K. M. Maitra.

An Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 3rd May, 1954 at 5-15 p.m.

PRESENT

DR. S. K. CHATTERJI, M.A., D.Lit., F.A.S., M.L.S.,
President (in the Chair).

Members:

Bagchi, K. N.
Banerjea, J. N.
Basu, U. P.
Bhattacharyya, Sudhir Bh.
Chatterjee, Asoke
Chatterjee, P. P.
Chatterjee, R.
Griffiths, Walter G.
Gupta, P. C.
Hora, S. L.
Lahiri, A. N.
Mehra, Pashupati N.
Mitra, Sisirkumar
Mukherji, B. B.
Saraswati, S. K.
Sen, J. M.
Sen, Nirmalchandra
Sen, Nirmal K.
Sen, Sukumar

Visitors:

Bhattacharye, Sudhibhushan,
Sanayal, Charuchandra

In the absence of the General Secretary at the commencement of the meeting the Chairman appointed Dr. J. N. Banerjea to perform the duties of the General Secretary pending his arrival.

(1) The Chairman requested the General Secretary to read the Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on 5th April, 1954. The General Secretary read the Minutes which were duly confirmed.

(2) The Chairman then asked the General Secretary to announce the receipt of books presented to and purchased by the Society. The General Secretary announced the receipt of 40 such books during March, 1954, and added that the books were on the table for inspection of members.

(3) The Chairman next called upon the General Secretary to read the names of the candidates for membership of the Society. He then appointed Professor P. C. Gupta and Dr. Sudhir Bh. Bhattacharyya to Act as scrutineers. The ballot papers were then distributed and while the voting was going on the Chairman took up to next item on the agenda.

(4) The Chairman enquired if anybody wished to give notice of any intended motion, under Rule 49 (*d*).

There was no such motion.

(5) The Chairman then requested the General Secretary to make the reports and communications from the Council, under Rule 49 (*g*).

The General Secretary reported as follows:—

(*a*) Death—*Nil.*

(*b*) Resignation—1.

Mr. Bhabanicharan Roy (Ord. Member since May, 1951).

(*c*) Withdrawal of applications—*Nil.*

(*d*) Lapses of Election—*Nil.*

(*e*) Tthat as per recommendation of the Scholar-Supervisor the term of Research Fellowship of the Sir William Jones Research Felllow, Mr. Ajitranjan Bhattacharyya had been extended with effect from 1st March, 1954, up to 28th February, 1955, on the same terms and conditions as before.

(6) The Chairman then requested Dr. Charuchandra Sanyal, to read and comment on his paper entitled "The Totos-a Sub-Himalayan Tribe."

Dr. Sanyal said: I have been called upon to say something about a very primitive tribe which I had the privilege of studying some time ago. The Totos comprise a very small primitive tribe consisting of only 32 souls living just at the foot of the Himalayas in the North East corner of the district of Jalpaiguri (West Bengal) where it touches Bhutan. Their village is named Totopara and there is no evidence of Totos living anywhere else in India.

In this monograph I have tried to trace the history of their origin. Their appearance, dress, habits and customs have been dealt with in details. They have no written language. But the scanty vocabulary of the tribe has been incorporated in the monograph. In some places comparative study with the language spoken by the Bhutias of Bhutan living just beyond the borders of Totopara has also been attempted. Lastly the appendix contains a comparative study of the language spoken by some of the tribes living near about the area as collected by some previous workers. In the maps the roads to Totopara have been shown. The photographs show their houses, village, water supply, their features both male, female and children with dresses. A photograph of a Toto with their common skin disease has also been given. Goddess Mahākāli, as represented by drums, has also been included.

After Dr. Sanyal had finished his speech the following joined in interesting discussions about the Totos, *viz.*, Dr. S. L. Hora, Dr. B. C. Kundu, Mr. P. P. Chatterjee, and Dr. S. K. Chatterji.

The Chairman then said: We are very happy to have listened to this paper by Dr. Sanyal. When this paper would be published. it would be interesting to watch the reactions among the scholars interested in the subject. As some members have suggested we might take up this matter and try to make a representation to the Government of West Bengal as well as to the Central Government to help in the amelioration of the living conditions of the Totos. I thank Dr. Sanyal on my own and on behalf of this meeting for his very interesting talk.

At this point the General Secretary, Professor J. M. Sen, arrived and took over the remaining items on the agenda.

(7) The next paper by Professor N. B. Roy entitled "Some interesting Anecdotes of Sher Shah from the rare Persian manuscript of Tazkirat-ul Mu'lk" was taken as read in the absence of the author.

A short summary of the paper is given below:—

The present extract taken from the rare Ms. of Tazkirat-ul Mu'lk mentioned some very interesting episodes in the career of Humayun and Sher, Himu and Bairam Khan. Some facts, *e.g.*, Sher's death at Sasseram, his first engagement with Humayun at Shergarh are contradicted by authentic contemporary chronicles and have to be rejected as unreliable, but there are other events which differ from the varnished official accounts and panegyrics and have to be taken due notice of. The episodes retailed here begin with (*i*) Sher's capture of Rhotas by the strategem of the covered litters. The account is very cogent. (*ii*) Sher's victory over Humayun is next set forth, but here the latter's defeat is ascribed, among other things, to his constipation. According to the Mughal official accounts, the emperor was busy reciting the Holy Book, at dawn when the Afghans suddenly burst into his camp. But here the emperor is stated to have lingered long in the lavatory, in the early morning hours, as he suffered from constipation caused by his addiction to opium and other intoxicants. (*iii*) Thirdly, Sher was killed, according to this version, while experimenting with a cannon at Sasseram. This is palpably at variance with true facts. But the author who visited Sasseram in 969/1563 records that the explosion reduced Sher's body to atoms and no trace of it was discovered except his leg with the boot which was found perched on the top of a tree. The Afghan panegyrics on the other hand make out Sher into a *'Shahid'*, a martyr. According to one of them, he got a presentiment of his death, took his last meal along with the *Shaikhs* and *Ulemas* and then led the assault on Kalinjar. He was brought back wounded to the camp and expired after hearing the news of the capitulation of the fort. (*iv*) Fourthly, it is stated here that Bairam Khan in course of his flight from Delhi, was taken captive on the way by some rustics and they made the man who was the guardian of the Mughal emperor in 1556 A.D. skip and dance before them.

(*v*) Fifthly, Himu described as Baqqal by Abdul Fazl is mentioned here as *Kothiwala* under Adil Shah Sur and vested with great authority over the whole administration.

(8) The Chairman then requested Dr. Sunder Lal Hora to show and comment on his exhibit—"Rain of Fishes".

A short synopsis of Dr. Hora's speech is as follows:—

Dr. Hora exhibited a large board with coloured illustrations showing how rains of fishes are caused. He also exhibited actual specimens of eleven species of fish that rained at Patna in 1949.

Dr. Hora said that in the Fish Gallery of the Indian Museum a new exhibit had been added for showing, through a series of four diagrams, how rains of fishes are caused. In the first picture, fishes are shown swimming about normally in a pond. The second picture shows the formation of a water-spout over the pond and sucking up of the water of the pond along with the fishes contained in it. The third picture showed the water-spout with fishes moving over the countryside and finally, when the energy of the water-spout was dissipated, water came down along with fishes as rain.

A detailed account of the rains of fishes in India will be found in two articles published in Journal and Proceedings of Asiatic Society, Bengal (N.S.), XXIX, p. 95, articles 13 and 14 (1933).

After Dr. Hora had finished his speech the Chairman said that last time we had a very valuable talk from Dr. Hora on fish life and we had been hoping for further lectures from Dr. Hora. Members were very grateful to Dr. Hora for his interesting talks and always looked forward to hearing him talk on the subject.

(9) On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced the result of the ballot and said that the 2 new members named below had been duly elected. He then declared the meeting as closed.

(9) Burke, Ata Karim, M.A., M.Lit. (Tehran), Member of Iran Society, and Iranian Literary Academy (Tehran); Carmichael Hostel, 51, Baitak Khana Road, Calcutta-9.
Proposer : M. Z. Siddiqi. Seconder : R. Chatterjee.

(10) Kareem, M.A., B.A., Inspector of Central Excise, Member of Iran Society, Calcutta. Khateed Street, Kandukur P. O. Kandukur, Nellore District (Andhra), (S. Railway).
Proposer : M. Ishaque. Seconder : R. Chatterjee.

Present

Dr. S. K. Chatterji, M.A., D.Lit., F.A.S., M.L.C.,
President (in the Chair).

Members:

Bandyopadhyaya, Biswanath
Banerjea, J. N.
Basu, U. P.
Bhattacharyya, Nirmal Ch.
Bhattacharyya, Sudhibhusan
Chatterjee, Asoke
Chatterjee, R.
Chakravarti, P.
Maitra, K. M.
Ray, Sunilchandra
Roy, Rasbihari
Saraswati, S. K.
Sen, J. M.
Sen, Nirmalkumar
Srinivasan, K. S.
Tatia, Nathmal

Visitors:

Bhattacharya, A.
Mitra, Asoke.
Singh, Vyai Pal.

1. The Chairman requested the General Secretary to read the Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on 3rd May, 1954. The first portion of the Minutes were read by Mr. N. K. Sen and the last portion by the General Secretary himself. The Minutes were these duly confirmed.

2. Next the Chairman asked the General Secretary to announce the receipt of books presented to and purchased by the Scoiety. The General Secretary announced the receipt of 50 books during April, 1954, and drew the attention of the members to the books which were exhibited on the table.

3. After that the Chairman called upon the General Secretary to read the names of the candidates for membership of the Society. He then appointed Dr. Sudhibhusan Bhattacharyya and Prof. Nirmalchandra Bhattacharyya to act as scrutineers. The ballot papers were then distributed and while the voting was going on, the Chairman took up the next item on the agenda.

4. The Chairman enquired if anybody wished to give notice of any intended motion, under Rule 49(*d*).

There was no such motion.

5. The Chairman then requested the General Secretary to make the reports and communications from the Council, under Rule 49(*g*).

The General Secretary reported as follows:—

(*a*) Death—*Nil.*

(*b*) Resignation—1
Mr. Mrinalkanti Ghose. (Ord. Member since 5-5-51)

(*c*) Withdrawal of applications—*Nil.*

(*d*) That as per recommendation of the Supervisor-Scholar the term of Research Fellowship of Raja Rajendralala Mitra Fellow, *viz.*, Miss Sudha Sengupta has been extended with effect from fst June, 1954 to 31st May, 1955 on the same terms and conditions.

6. The Chairman then requested Mr. Asoke Chatterjee to read and comment on his paper—"The Problem of Śāntā's parentage as affecting the Text of the Rāmāyaṇa".

Mr. Asoke Chatterjee read extracts from his paper, an abstract of which would be found below:—

The question of Śāntā's parentage is a problem to all critical students of the Rāmāyaṇa. She has generally been regarded as a daughter of king Daśaratha of Ayodhyā but in some other sources she has been described as a daughter of Lomapāda, king of Aṅga. It has been shown that the different recensions of the Rāmāyaṇa are not unanimous about Śāntā's descent. According to the North-Western and Bengal recensions of the Rāmāyaṇa, Śāntā was the daughter of Daśaratha, king of Ayodhyā, who gave her in adoption to his friend Lomapāda. Bhavabhūti and other followed this version. In the South Indian recension of the Rāmāyaṇa on the other hand, Śāntā is said to have been the daughter of Lomapāda, there being no mention or indication in it that Lomapāda took her in adoption from Daśaratha, king of Ayodhyā. There recensions of the Rāmāyaṇa and a few other texts of the same have in this connection been thoroughly examined with relevant quotations. An attempt has also been made to show the authenticity of the South Indian tradition about Śāntā's descent from Lomapāda. In support of this, internal evidences and independent external evidences supplied by early Purāṇic and epic traditions have been given. It has also been shown how the second and incorrect tradition about her parentage arose and how it could affect the text of the Rāmāyaṇa.

When Mr. Chatterjee finished his speech, the Chairman thanked him on his own and on behalf of the members present for his interesting discourse but remarked that all assumptions made in the paper actually had very little historical importance because the personality of Śāntā was rather legendary and he doubted that from a historical point of view students might not like to bother about these things.

7. The Chairman next requested Mr. K. S. Srinivasan to comment on

"Some Botanical Specimens preserved at the Indian Museum", which were exhibited by him.

Mr. Srinivasan said that it was always interesting to put on show exhibits of the nature brought to the Society that day. He thanked the Chairman for being allowed the privilege of putting up these exhibits and of being able to speak to a learned audience. Then Mr. Srinivasan pointed to the several lengths of cloth made from *bast* or the inner bark of trees which were hung up as exhibits. He then explained the various processes by which the inner fibres could be woven into useful fabric. First the bark was stripped and left to soak in water and when the rough portions of the bark were got rid of, the water treatment was continued several times until the resultant fibre emerged finer and finer with each washing. He said that in ancient times garments made from bark cloth were much used in tropical countries, like Africa, Madagascar, Polynesia, Malaya, the Celebes, Ceylon and also India. The hill tribes mostly knew how to manufacture cloth from bark fibre. They used the finished product for garments, for storing produce, for bed covers, etc. They also knew how to make designs on them. The Polynicians mostly were famous for this kind of textile. As a matter of fact we know from ancient literature that men were accustomed to this kind of garments made from skins of animals and bark of trees. Of course only very few trees were capable of producing such types of bark fibre. Mr. Srinivasan showed one exhibit and said that the specimen in question was actually acquired from Travancore bark. He showed another exhibit, *viz.*, the water proof paper manufactured from the fibre of mulberry trees. The technical nomenclature of each exhibit was noted on labels and several illustrations on art paper giving their botanical names were shown by him. Mr. Srinivasan further added that the specimens were quite recent acquisitions to the Indian Museum at Calcutta. He concluded by remarking that the ancients might have lacked scientific knowledge as far as the modern processes of manufacture of similar items were concerned, but in the present age it might be possible to develop similar bark products on properly scientific lines.

When Mr. Srinivasan had finished his speech there was a general discussion in which Dr. S. K. Chatterji, Dr. J. N. Banerjea, Dr. U. P. Basu, and Professor J. M. Sen joined.

The Chairman then thanked Mr. Srinivasan on his own and on behalf of the members for his interesting comments.

8. On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced the result of the ballot for the election of the following 2 members and declared the meeting as closed:—

(11) Mukherjee, Pareshnath, M.A., Lecturer in History, Agra University, D. A. V. College, Dehra Dun, No. 2, Vishnu Road, Dehra Dun.
Proposer: R. Chatterjee. Seconder: S. K. Saraswati.

(12) Tagore, Prabodhendunath, B.A., Landholder, 35, Durponarain Tagore Street, Calcutta-6.
Proposer: R. Chatterjee. Seconder: K. M. Maitra.

Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, 5th July, 1954 at 5-15 p.m.

PRESENT

DR. SUNITIKUMAR CHATTERJI, M.A., D.Lit., F.A.S., M.L.C.,
President (in the Chair).

Members:

Banerjea, J. N.
Bhaduri, J. L.
Bhattacharyya, H. D.
Chatterjee, Manomohan
Chatterjee, P. P.
Ghosh, Manomohan
Gupta, P. C.
Gupta, S. K.
Jeelany, S.
Mitra, P.
Mitra, Sisirkumar
Saraf, C. M.
Saraswati, S. K.
Sen, Nirmalchandra
Sen, Nirmalkumar
Sen, Sukumar
Sen; J. M.
Singh, H.

Visitors:

Chatterjee, Sujitkumar
Dellwenringen, F. Von.

1. The Chairman requested the General Secretary to read the Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on the 7th June, 1954. The General Secretary read the Minutes which were duly confirmed.

2. Next the Chairman asked the General Secretary to announce the receipt of books presented to and purchased by the Society. The General Secretary announced the receipt of 53 books during May, 1954 and said that they were exhibited on the table for members' inspection. He drew particular attention to the books received from the Travancore University.

3. After that the Chairman called upon the General Secretary to read the names of the cadidates for membership of the Society. He then appointed Dr. J. L. Bhaduri and Dr. P. C. Gupta to act as scrutineers. The ballot papers were then distributed and while the voting proceeded the Chairman took up the next item on the agenda.

4. The Chairman enquired if anybody wished to give notice of any intended motion, under Rule 49(*d*).

There was no such motion.

5. The Chairman then requested the General Secretary to make the reports and communications from the Council, under Rule No. 49(*g*).

The General Secretary reported as follows:—

(*a*) Death—*Nil.*

(*b*) Resignations—8.

(1)	Mr. K. Rangarajam	Ord.	Member	since	2-10-39
(2)	Mr. Asutosh Bhattacharyya	”	”	”	5-7-48
(3)	Mr. B. K. Ghosh	”	”	”	4-2-46
(4)	Mr. B. B. Lal	”	”	”	5-3-50
(5)	Mr. D. Kumar	”	”	”	1951
(6)	Mr. N. N. Gupta	”	”	”	1-4-46
(7)	Mr. A. Manasseh	”	”	”	2-4-45
(8)	Mr. K. L. Poddar	”	”	”	3-1-44

(*c*) Withdrawal of applications—*Nil.*

(*d*) Lapses of Election—*Nil.*

The General Secretary reported further as follows:—

(*e*) That the Council authorised the General Secretary and the Treasurer to incur expenditure on different Budget Heads up to the end of September, 1954, not exceeding the scale sanctioned for the year 1953. As to the expenditure on salaries, the amount required for payment as annual increments in salaries and payment of provident fund contributions on increased pay due during the year 1954 was also sanctioned in excess of the scale of expenditure incurred during 1953.

(*f*) That the services of Mr. Rajendrachandra Kar, and of Mr. Anilkumar Datta, purely on a temporary basis were extended up to the 31st July, 1954 on the same terms and conditions as before.

(*g*) That the Conveyance Allowance for the General Secretary at the rate of Rs. 150 per month had been sanctioned up to the 30th September, 1954.

6. The Chairman then requested the General Secretary to arrange for the reading of the paper on "Parallel Thought and Unitary Biology" by Mr. Jack Lindsay. As Mr. Lindsay was not present to read his paper

the General Secretary requested that somebody among tthose present with a knowledge of the subject matter might read and comment on Mr. Lindsay's paper. As there was none to read his paper, the General Secretary observed that the paper had been referred to Professor H. K. Mookerjee of the University College of Science, and proposed that the paper would be taken as read. It would eventually be published in the Journal. A summary of Mr. Lindsay's paper is given below:—

> "Unitary thinking influences "parallel evolution" in the ideas of otherwise widely separated biologists. This paper tries to show, for the first time, how the Kinship of underlying principles has produced convergent and dynamically creative concepts in the Indian ichthyologist and Annandalean naturalist Sunder Lal Hora, the American Negro embrylogist Ernest Just and the Soviet experimental agronomist T. D. Lysenko. The author has ventured, though conscious of his limitations as a layman, to consider in particular the enduring value and world-significance of Dr. Hora's evolutionary researches and phisolophy."

7. The Chairman next requested Dr. Priyatosh Banerjee who was present, to read and comment on his paper entitled "An inscribed Stone Slab" from Paharia (near Banaras). A summary of his paper is given below:—

> The slab in question was acquired for the Archaeological section, Indian Museum, Calcutta, during the year 1927-28. It contains on its upper portion representations of three seated figures, two male, and one female. The male figures have each in their right hands a club and they are shown with the matted head-dress. The female figure has her hands joined in adoration. Below these figures there is an inscription of five lines written in northern script of the 9th century A. D. A considerable portion of the inscription is damaged. From the portions extant it appears that there were three Brahamanas namely, Setoka, Banaka and Damodara who erected a hall in honour of their favourite deity called Madhava Bhattaraka, and the images of some deceased descendants of theirs were carved to commemorate them. It is quite possible that the slab in question contains representations of some of these deceased persons, and it may be described as a memorial. As an analogy, mention may be made of the secular status of Rishyasrnga Mandhitarajachakravarti, Kanishka, Vimakdphises and a well-known lady votary of the Kushan period, namely Tosha.
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> In ancient India several types of memorial monuments were known. The Suivihar copper plate inscription, the Andhau inscrip-

tions and also the Bhita stone inscription contain, as has been shown, references to the practice of erecting staffs (lashtis) in honour of some deceased persons. In course of time, however, the Sati-stones became most popular structures.

After Dr. Banerjee had finished his speech Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji, Dr. Sukumar Sen and Dr. U. N. Ghoshal took part in the discussion that followed.

After this the Chairman thanked the author for his paper which he said threw light on an aspect of mediaeval Indian art which deserved notice.

8. On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced the result of the ballot for the election of the following five new members and declared the meeting as closed.

(13) Maitra, Asokkumar, B.A., Landholder, 65, Harrison Road, Calcutta-9.
Proposer: Benoy Ghosh. Seconder: S. K. Saraswati.

(14) Ghosh, Arabinda, M.A., Research Scholar, 40, Dover Lane Extension, Calcutta-29.
Proposer: J. N. Banerjea. Seconder: S. K. Saraswati.

(15) Surti, D. B., M.Sc. (Agri.), Poona, 1, Alipore Road, Calcutta.
Proposer: R. Chatterjee. Seconder: T. N. Agarwalla.

(16) Chalermpol, Prince of Thailand, Lieutenant Colonel, First Cavalry Regiment, Royal Horse Guard, Royal Thai Army, 30 Pahol Yothin Road, Bangkok, Thailand.
Proposer: Prof. J. M. Sen. Seconder: R. Chatterjee.

(17) Gooptu, Dhrubajyoti, M.Sc. (Delhi), Philips, Ltd., Calcutta; 37/5, Russa Road, Calcutta-26.
Proposer: Prof. J. M. Sen. Seconder: R. Chatterjee.

An Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 2nd August, 1954 at 5-15 p.m.

PRESENT

Dr. S. L. Hora, D.Sc., F.Z.S., F.R.S.E., F.N.I., F.A.S.,
Vice-President (in the Chair).

Members:

Agarwalla, T. N.
Banerjee, Subrata
Biswas, K.
Chakravarti, P.
Chatterji, D.
Chatterjee, Kaliranjan.
Chokhani, Ram Dev
Chopra, Hira Lall
Deo, P. C. B.
Ghose, Benoy
Ghose, Chanchalkumar
Ghosh, Manamohan

Griffiths, Walter G.
Jhunjhunwala, Biswanath
Kanoria, G. K.
Majumdar, R. C.
Majumdar, Prabhas Chandra
Maitra, K. M.
Mitra, S.
Mitra, Sisirkumar
Mookerjee, Ramaprasad
Mukherji, Binoybhushan
Mukherji, K. C.
Moondhra, Maheshkumar
Ray Chaudhuri, G. C.
Saha, Mahadeo Prasad
Saraswati, S. K.
Sen, J. M.
Sen, Nirmalkumar
Srinivasan, K. S.
Tagore, S.
Ukil, A. C.

And several others who did not sign their names in the Attendance

Visitors:

Bose, Ajay
Singh, B. N

And several others who did not sign their names.

1. The Chairman requested the General Secretary to read the Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on 5th July, 1954. The General Secretary read the Minutes which were duly confirmed.

2. The Chairman then called upon the General Secretary to announce the receipt of books presented to and purchased by the Society. General Secretary announced the receipt of 42 such books during June, 1954 and said that they were exhibited on the table for inspection by members.

3. The Chairman asked the General Secretary to read the names of the candidates for membership and appointed Dr. M. Ghosh and Mr. K. M. Maitra to act as scrutineers. The ballot papers were then distributed and while the voting was being held the Chairman reminded members of the correct procedure for recording their votes.

4. The Chairman next enquired if any member wished to give notice of any intended motion, under Rule 49(*d*), if so, he should give it now and it would be taken up for discussion at the next meeting. None of the members present tabled any motion. But an enquiry was made, regarding the publication of the Rajasthani Catalogue. Rai Bahadur Ramdeo Chokhany said that about 10 years ago a sum of rupees 5,000 was contributed towards the cost of the publication of the catalogue of Rajasthani manuscripts by Mr. G.D. Birla. We have not been able to find out what has been done by the Society about publishing the catalogue in question but I am told that the printers could print only one forme within one year. If it has taken about 10 years to print one forme, may I be enlightend as to how the matter stands now?

General Secretary said that he did not know off-hand the exact amount which was contributed by Mr. Birla, but he could tell from the progress report submitted to the Publication Committee on the 9th July, 1954, that the catalogue of Rajasthani manuscripts had been sent to Mr. V. P. Trivedi for editing and approximately it would comprise about 19/20 forms, *i.e.*, roughly about 160 pp. The Calcutta Oriental Press where the printing was being done had given an approximate target date for finishing the work by December, 1954. My predecessor in office might have been able to give a more detailed answer. Up to the beginning of 1953 I had no information about this manuscript but when I came to know about the position in regard to its publication and noticed the undue delay I immediately tried to trace the cause and gave orders to the Section concerned for expediting this matter. I was however informed that although the money was received in 1946, it had taken a long time to edit the work. The final revision in the form in which it could be published also took some time by the Publication Committee. The printing press also delayed matter considerably.

The Chairman also assured Rai Bahadur Chokhany that every effort would be made to see that the target date was adhered to by the printers. Rai Bahadur R. D. Chokhany insisted that the Society should be more particular about such things. He wanted to know who was responsible for the delay, whether the Press, the Editor, or the Office, and also what steps had been taken in the matter. He had long correspondence with the Society and even on the date of the monthly meeting he found that things were still hanging fire.

The Chairman again assured him that if he came to the next meeting he would hear further about this matter. He did not think however that this was a motion but was only in the nature of an enquiry, under item No. 4.

5. The Chairman then requested the General Secretary to make the reports and communications from the Council, under Rule 49(*g*).

The General Secretary reported as follows:—

(*a*) Death—1.

Dr. K. N. Bahl .. (Ordinary Member since 2-4-24, and Ordinary Fellow since 15-2-37)

At this point Dr. A. C. Ukil proposed that everybody should stand in silence for a moment to pay respect to the soul of Dr. Bahl. He further proposed that a copy of the resolution should be sent to the members of the family of the deceased Fellow.

Everybody present then stood in silence for one minute.

(*b*) Resignation—*Nil.*

(*c*) Withdrawal of applications—*Nil.*

(*d*) Lapses of Election—*Nil.*

The General Secretary reported further as follows:—

(*e*) Under Rule 41(*d*) the Council recommended that Mr. Shibdas Chaudhuri, Deputy Librarian, be given the minimum pay of the post of the Librarian during the period he will act as the Librarian, *viz.*, Rs. 300 per month plus the usual D. A. calculated on that basic salary.

Before taking up the next item on the agenda, the Chairman wanted that the special items on the printed agenda, *viz.*, No. 6 (reorganisation of the General Office and Library) and No. 7 (Budget Estimates for 1954) might be taken up after the ordinary business of the meeting was first disposed of. Copies of the Budget Estimates previously circulated were again distributed to all the members present.

6. The Chairman then requested Mr. Lakshmikanta Mukhopadhyaya to deliver a short lecture on "Marga and Desi Sangit" with demonstrations. A short summary of Mr. Mukhopadhyaya's speech is given below:—

> What is the exact connotation of the term Marga Sangit? Is expansion of the culture of Marga Sangit possible? Sarngadeva's description of Marga Sangit and Kalinath's comments about Marga Sangit as "Gandharva" are referred to with a view to show that Marga Sangit was the first step towards evolution of music different in form and style from the chanting of the Vedic hymns. The tradition that Bharata, the author of Natyasastra taught Marga Sangit to the *gandharvas* and *apsaras* is mentioned. Attempts have been made to show that the Desi Sangit originated from the simple folk songs of the people. The comments of Hanuman, a great ancient scholar on music, about Desi Sangit and Kalinath's commentary about Hanuman's treatise are analysed in proof of the contention that Raga Sangit sung now-a-days is really Desi Sangit and that Marga Sangit of olden times had been long obsolete.

On behalf of the members the Chairman thanked Mr. Mukhopadhyaya for his lecture and demonstration.

7. The Chairman next requested Mr. K. S. Srinivasan to exhibit and comment upon "Some fine examples of sedgemat from Tinnevelly." A short synopsis of Mr. Srinivasan's speech is given below:—

A few actual exhibits of the sedge-mats including the raw materials from which they were made were shown. Before showing the slides on the screen illustrating the history of manufacture of mats from the earliest times, the speaker expressed his grateful thanks to the Asiatic Society for their continued co-operation with the Indian Museum authorities in the matter of evoking public interest in these ancient industries which are in danger of fast becoming extinct due to the industrial development in India which very often make use of synthetic or substitute materials to the detriment of ancient industries. The people who earn their livelihood from this industry are fast getting extinct in the Tinnevelly district of South India. There were various references to these mats in the ancient Sanskrit literature, like the Ramayana, said Mr. Srinivasan, and they were very often used by the ancient rishis. Representations of these mats may also be found in the ancient sculptures. These grass mats were therefore of great antiquity. Mr. Srinivasan spoke, regarding each slide as they were being shown giving details of the process of manufacture, describing the special grasses and plants used for their manufacture, and also the natural vegetable dyes with which they were coloured. The instruments used in the manufacture of these mats were very simple, and he praised the dexterity of the people who produced such fine mats with the help of such handy tools. In conclusion he suggested that an appeal should be made to the Government, recommending that these ancient industries should be duly protected by the State. At the conclusion of Mr. Srinivasan's speech the Chairman thanked him on his own and on behalf of the members of the Society for his interesting speech and exhibits.

8. On the report of the scrutineers the Chairman announced the result of the ballot and said that both the candidates for membership of the Society, balloted for, had been duly elected.

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Proposer : J. N. Banerjea. Seconder : R. A. Dutch.

(19) Sinha, Jadunath, M.A., P.R.S., Ph.D., Griffith Prizeman, Mouat Medalist (C.U.), 30, S. R. Das Road, P. O. Kalighat, Calcutta-26.
Proposer : R. Chatterjee. Seconder : P. Chakravarti.

9. As mentioned before the Chairman now took up consideration of the two items of the printed agenda, *viz.*—

Item No. 6—Consideration of the report of the Council to the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting about the reorganisation of the general office and the library as per decisions made by the Council on the 16th July 1954. (*vide* Appendix A).

Item No. 7—The Council placed the Budget Estimates (*vide* Appendix B) as approved for the year 1954 for discussion and final approval.

The Chairman: Before commencent of the discussions on the abovenamed items, requested members to adhere to a time limit of 5 to 6 minutes per speaker.

Mr. S. Tagore: The reports of the various committees had not been circulated. We do not know the background.

Subrata Banerjee: There appears to be no proper calculation of the work of the staff. I think the members should be taken into confidence and the whole picture as to how it all began at different stages from the first to the last should be presented before the members. The Secretary might kindly explain the position to the members.

The Chairman again ruled that members who wished to discuss the items might limit themselves to speaking for 5 or 6 minutes each, and confining themselves to the papers already circulated to the general body of members. He however observed that it would be a difficult matter to have all the reports printed and circulated to all members.

General Secretary then reviewed the history of the present proposals concering reorganisation of the General Office and Library of the Asiatic Society. He said that in December of every year the Budget for the following year was drafted and placed before the general body of members and the members were given opportunities for discussing the Budget at a general metineg of the Society. During the last three consecutive years the members of the Finance Committee felt that year after year the expenditure of the Society was far in excess of the receipts, roughly the difference was between 30 to 35 thousand rupees not taking into consideration the Government grant on the receipt side. From the Budget statement which had been circulated the members would find that during 1951 and 1952 the Society had been running a deficit Budget. In earlier years although we had a fairly big establishment but the scale of pay was low; now the Dearness Allowance alone, so far as the upper grade staff was concerned, ranged between rupees 40 to rupees 60 per month per head and the lower grade staff got Dearness Allowance which was much more than their pay. That fact had to be faced by the Council; and obviously the Government of India could not be expected to give any grant for payment of Dearness Allowance to the staff of the Asiatic Society. As a matter of fact the Government of India reduced the grant from Rs. 20,000 in 1948-49 to Rs. 18,500 in 1949-50, to Rs. 10,000 in 1950-51, and to Rs. 10,000 in 1951-52. The amount was restored to Rs. 20,000 in 1952-53 and increased to Rs. 25,000 in 1953-54. During 1951 and 1952 although on the receipt side income from leased land and rooms as well as government grant had been shown still there was a big deficit, as the income from advertisement had fallen into arrears. Even if they were realised in proper time there would have been a heavy deficit. Even after the realization of all arrears of rents and advertisements in 1953 and restoration of the Government of India grant to the level of Rs. 20,000 in 1953, there was net diflcit of over Rs. 21,000 on the working of the Society for the three years 1951, 1952 and 1953. As however the Society was being run at a deficit in some of the earlier years the Temporary Reserve Fund was considerably liquidated by the end of 1953. Thèn there was the big question as to what would happen if the Government did not continue their grants to the Asiatic Society at a fixed level. Under the revised constitution of the Society approved by the general body of members in 1952 a representative of the Government of India was taken on the Council of the Society for the first time in 1953, and the financial position had to be more clearly explained. In these circumstances the Council was faced with a serious problem and at the time of the consideration of the Budget for 1954. The Council therefore appointed a Special Committee for devising ways and means for augmenting the income of the Society and for reduction of expenditure. At their suggestion a sub-committee was formed to go into the question of reorganisation of the General Office and the Library. The Council decided that the Special Finance Committee should not be confined to its own members but should also include one or two outside members including the Government of India representative, and therefore these gentlemen, *viz.*, Sir L. P. Misra and Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee and Mr. Ashfaque Husain (Government of India representative on the Council) came to be appointed by the Council as members of the Special Committee. When it was found that there was no means of balancing the Budget, and urgent expenses had to be met, the entire Budget was not prepared, sanction was accorded to expenditure on *pro-rata* basis of the figures for the previous year. Then the Secretary explained how the committee found it extremely difficult to explore fresh avenues of income from advertisements or hoardings on the Society's building. The possibility of rise in the income from an increase in the membership of the Society was also considered but as this was not an immediate possibility, it was felt that some reduction in expenses might be possible in several directions. It might be pointed out at this stage that the representative of the Government of India was requested, mainly at his own suggestion, to depute two persons, without the Society bearing any cost of their coming to Calcutta from Delhi, to look into the reorganisation of the General Office and the Library. The President, Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji, himself, before a formal invitation was sent out, asked Mr. B. S. Kesavan, Librarian of the National Library, to look into the affairs of the library of the Society. Mr. Kesavan's name was also suggested by the Government of India representative as one who would be very valuable if we could ask him to do so. So far as the General Office was concerned the Government of India representative sent the Under-Secretary, Ministry of Education, Mr. T. S. Krishnamurti, to look into the work that was being done by each member of the General Office. He found that not enough work was being done in the general office and in simple language he mentioned some of the posts as being somewhat superfluous; one such being the Publication Assistant's post, and even the Superintendent's post was included. I am just mentioning these two posts only as these are the two important posts in the general office of the Asiatic Society. Formerly, we used to have a paid Assistant Secretary but his post was short-lived, then we depended upon the office superintendent and now this latter post would be changed to that of Head Assistant. I find from earlier proceedings of the Society that in 1939-40, even during the war years, the Lort-William Committee met and suggested a reorganisation of the Society. Strangely enough, conditions obtaining in Lort-William's time were practically being repeated today, and the Council and the Finance Committee also felt that although 15 years have passed from that time much the same things were happening today. We were going into a pit from which it would be extremely difficult to extricate ourselves, both as regards management and finances of the Society. Therefore, after careful consideration, the Council and the Special Finance Committee made a series of decisions and recommendations. At this stage the General Secretary invited the attention of the members to one or two points in connection with the recommendations of the Special Finance Committee whose duty was to suggest steps for augmenting the income of the Society and reducing the expenditure; and in order to make that possible the question of retrenchment naturally cropped up. The Committee felt that the appointment of additional cataloguers and cleaners, which Mr. Kesavan had recommended, would have to be deferred till better times, as a reduction in expenditure by the reorganisation of the office and the libarary could not be possibly off-set now against the proposed savings through creation of the abovementioned posts in the library. The members of the Council met on the 16th July, 1954 and accepted the recommendations, but said that so far as the increased items of expenditure due to the widening of the scope of work of the library by inclusions of publications or some other activities were concerned they could wait till the consideration of the Budget Committee for 1955 was taken up. The Council also considered necessary the reduction of one more post which was not recommended before by the Finance Committee; the Council also suggested that the post of the Superintendent might be changed to that of a Head Assistant on a revised scale of pay (with this proviso that if the present Superintendent wanted to continue to act in that capacity and then the question of payment of a personal pay might be considered without making any definite commitment on that account). All proposals or recommendations were carefully considered by the Council on the 16th July, 1954, and the Council decided in the manner shown in the agenda already circulated to the members. In Appendix "A" the portions shown in double brackets indicate the total strength of the staff of the General Office after reorganisation, and the staff of the Library after the recommendations of the Council had been given effect. The President, Dr. S. K. Chatterji, himself presided over most of the meetings particularly the last meeting of the Council held on the 16th July, 1954, and took down notes of the meeting. Nothing further need be added at this stage but objections, if any, raised by members present here today about the office staff might be considered by the Council. Comments on the work of any of the office assistants had been deliberately left out. The only reason being that it was not at all desirable that due to any comments made about their work they should go away with a stigma on their names. It might however be pointed out that some of them did very little work and there were some who hardly did any work. If those posts were therefore abolished and notices given to the incumbents ranging from 2 or 3 months to 5 or 6 months, the work in the Society would not suffer.

At the conclusion of the speech of the General Secretary, some members asked questions about the expenditure side of the Budget and the General Secretary explained that even with the economies proposed the Budget would still be in deficit.

Chairman (Dr. S. L. Hora): I think I can say as one who has been on the Council for a long time that the Society has unnecessarily (fallen into the clutches of the Government). I have been serving the Society in various capacities and on its Council from 1924 and I have seen its ups and downs. I feel very much that due to the present financial condition of the Society, the Council have (got into the clutches of the Government). We have sacrificed a great deal of our independence to get grants from the Government of India. That was one point which had worried me (before we lost our independence). Much excellent work used to be done before and that is a great point and I make no secret of it. So you have got to take into consideration that there is no solution of this problem unless the general body of members can find a solution which can possibly help or give the Council encouragement. It is up to all the members to find a solution which would enable us to get the Budget straightened out in course of the next few years.

At this stage a member commenced speaking but the Chairman ruled that the member should confine himself to the main principles first. He should speak on the necessity for a reduction or speak against it giving reasons for his opinion. The members should first discuss about the Budget Estimates and then say something about reduction of expenditure through abolition of a few posts. The first thing should be to consider the main policy. Do you think we have gone wrong and whether the Council should, in view of a deficit Budget year after year due to paucity of funds (fall into the clutches of) the Government? Could the Council take more drastic steps?

Soumyendranath Tagore: The comments of the Chairman give us the impression that the Council of the Society have gone into the clutches of the Government. Does that mean that the Government in giving grants attached any degrading terms?

General Secretary: The Government of India did not attach any degrading terms nor did they interfere in any way with the working of the Society. They merely asked the Society to have one of their nominees on the Council which managed the affairs of the Society.

Chairman: When we received and accepted the grants from the Government of India one of the conditions was that we must have a representative of the Government on the Council of the Asiatic Society. Although it was much against our personal wishes the Council was enlarged to 21 members as against the sanctioned 20 in order to take in a Government nominee. Secondly, it was accepted that he need not be a member of the Society. The Council yielded to the Government. The financial situation of the Society was bad for a long time. That was why the Council had to yield and the members of the Society also yielded when they modified the rules. All the members were partially responsible for the present impasse.

Dr. K. P. Biswas: So far as I know when I was a member of the Council what the Government really wanted was that the expenditure of the Society should be properly maintained under itemized heads. Up to now there has been no control over the activities of the Society by any official. Years ago there was no such thing. The Society was run in a pure and simple manner and the Council of the Society could balance the Budget on the basis of the income which came from rents and sales of publications. Government did give grants but those were used for specific publications. We should produce publications which could be sold. It was no use publishing journals which could not be sold. This applied also to other publications undertaken which ulitmately could not be sold and were, therefore, liabilities in the hands of the Society. Those responsible for the affairs of the Society, should go into these things and see to it that in the field of culture, science and the arts, the people who were interested were given such books that they would readily purchase and thus the income of the Society would increase from that source. The basic thing was to produce a series of publications in the sciences and arts which would have a proper reception outside, and our journal too could easily command a sale in the other parts of the world, without being too exclusive or purely on a technical basis. We should see that the financial activities of the Publication Department were properly maintained so that we might run our Publication Department on a profitable basis mainly through the sale of the publications. The economies suggested by way of retrenchment of members of the staff would not help the Society very much. It was not a good thing to keep these men so long and then send them away. Under such circumstances (the present administration of the Society by the General Secretary must be considered as a failure and I should even add that he was incapable because in an institution of such wide repute if work was not done by any member of the staff why was that not brought to notice of all long before).

Chairman: With regard to the staff given to the General Secretary it may be pointed out that year after year the strength of the staff had always been the same, and the present General Secretary was not responsible for the appointment of any one of them.

Prof. Hiralal Chopra: From the details given by the General Secretary I find that we have been badly let down by the Government representative. I am sorry that in such an old and respected academic institution where good work was being done, we have reasons to think that Government aid was to be asked for only on fulfilment of certain humiliating conditions by the Society. We were getting near about rupees 40,000 up to 1947 and we got rupees 5,000 besides, for Arabic cataloguing. Then suddenly Government grant began diminishing and in this great institution where we expected to see an all round expansion of academic, cultural and scientific activities, we were pained to find that there were proposals for retrenchment. We find that the retrenchments were not regarding definite posts but were aimed at particular persons. These are sad things. Why was not this house taken into confidence much earlier and a retrenchment committee set up in an open meeting of members? This is certainly the business of a retrenchment committee and the members of the Retrenchment Committee should be persons with academic distinctions and also with a knowledge of the administrative principles. Those members should be such as none could question their efficiency. We should pass a specific resolution today for setting up such a committee to look thoroughly into the question of possible savings from retrenchments. If we are going to depend upon the

Government more and more then certainly we shall cut at the root of our independence as a self-governing cultural organisation. We propose, therefore, that these recommendations should be rejected altogether *in toto* and a new procedure should be followed so that we might be able to manage our own affairs without being inspired from outside.

A member (possibly Mr. Subrata Banerji) supported the proposal of Mr. Hiralal Chopra.

Dr. R. C. Majumdar: I have heard what the President of the meeting said about the independence of the Society. I am not satisfied with the proposals which are before us. We had been given to understand by the President that those were made at the instigation of the Government. There are 21 members on the Council and they are more or less fairly convinced that these proposals should be given effect to. The Finance Committee which again consist entirely of the same men, except the Government representative, also endorsed the proposals. I find from the statement of the Secretary that although this might have originated on a suggestion from the Government representative and later from the Council, the fact has to be borne in mind that some members of the staff do no work while others have not sufficient work. It was rather amiss to let things happen so long in this manner. If the General Secretary who surely was the administrative head of this institution knew the office staff well and we were convinced after considering the situation and going into the whole thing ourselves that there was no work for some members of the staff, then the members should not take this matter so lightly as to say that it should be rejected and that there was no need for abolition of any post. On an analysis of the statement of the General Secretary and the attitude of the Council whose members as a representative body agree, there must be something worng, somewhere. As a matter of fact, speaking quite personally, I know that there was some impression among many members that things were not going on quite well in the general office of the Society. Out of joke we then suggested that a few men should be sent away. But now we see that the joke has been taken in earnest by more competent authorities. I do not see any reason why we should reject the recommendations of the Council. But members are entitled to ask for details. What is the detailed analysis which should that there was not enough work for some members of the staff. It might have been that the work of the staff was hopelessly judged. I know on my own behalf that there are persons whose work has been very unsatisfactory. I had been on the Council of the Society for some time and I knew the situation. I cannot say now whether those are the persons to whom the present proposals refer. Is there any reason to think that the recommendation for the abolition of some of the posts was made at the instigation of the

Council? The original idea matured only after the Council had got some expert opinion, therefore, I think we must give it due consideration. The Council must have had some sort of reports about the detailed working of the office. If those reports were available then it would be easy for the members to form an opinion. It might be very costly to circulate those reports but they might be placed on the table and an opportunity given to all members who desired it to go over the papers so that they might know that the Council did not simply accept these recommendations without a detailed examination of the work of the office. If the members were given an opportunity to come to the Society and read them, and if they came, then the members would be in a better position to know the correct position. Consideration of the matter might be postponed; and in the meantime it might be made known to all the members that the relevant papers on which these recommendations had been based, could be perused by them. About 6 or 7 posts were going to be abolished. That was a very serious matter and the members must know all facts. The discussions ought to be on a more moderate scale at the meeting because of the fact that there was a deficit Budget and there were no chances of increasing the income of the Society. The chances of having increased incomes from advertisements and membership drive were not very good. We cannot run a deficit Budget all along nor can we get on without more funds. Therefore I say that we should postpone consideration of the proposals at today's meeting so that all the relevant papers might be placed before the members.

Chairman: As Dr. Majumdar has suggested I might say that those members who want to know the full details should come to the Society and see for themselves as it would be very expensive to print and circulate all the reports. As regards setting up of a committee the question will naturally arise as to whether this is tantamount to a vote of no confidence on the Council or not. You want to set up a committee but on what grounds; is it because you have not got the relevant papers before you? You will all be in a better position next time if, as suggested by you, this meeting was postponed for consideration of the proposals. After you have seen the papers, and if you are satisfied from what you have seen, then I would say that there is no need for a committee. If you have confidence in the Council then there will probably never be need for setting up a committee.

Prof. D. P. Ghosh: If any member present here to-night feels sufficiently interested he may come and see the papers. But it may be that some members will be satisfied and some not satisfied. But the members as such will have no *locus standi*; they will have access to the papers, that is all. That is why I am in favour of the setting up of a committee of this House—such a committee will have a representative capacity.

Chairman: I fail to understand personally the proposal about a retrenchment committee being set up today. It will be good to go into the details first. After that we can discuss about a committee next time. So many people are interested in it. We have over 450 members. I think there are about 50 or 55 members here to-night and a committee would have to be representative of all these 450 members. The materials on which we have based our recommendations are available for any member of the Society to see. They should come and examine these papers and especially for that purpose the meeting is being postponed today. According to the agenda the annexure marked appendix "A" is for the consideration of this meeting.

Prof. D. P. Ghosh: This suggestion is good and may be accepted. Those interested may be requested to look into the original papers; and in the meantime consideration of the proposals should be postponed.

Dr. R. C. Majumdar: After they have been given an opportunity to see the papers, only those members who have availed themselves of that opportunity should be entitled to speak, and nobody else.

Justice R. P. Mookerjee: In the reports which we received I myself requested later on that there should be some reference about the efficiency or inefficiency of each member of the staff.

General Secretary: No, Sir, I cannot commit myself to circulate any such comments. Several Secretaries have expressed their opinion to the effect that some members of the staff were no good. If I give any employee a written notice about inefficiency, the chances are that he would throw away the letter as waste paper, and approach the Council to throw out my recommendation. I do not want to be insulted by my office staff. Because by stating adverse things about any of them I may get a rebuff from the Council or the general body of members by reversal of my proposals and turning down my recommendations or suggestions concerning them. Otherwise I do not understand how some members of the staff who were known to be inefficient by the successive Secretaries could continue in their posts.

Justice R. P. Mookerjee: I find that there are few Council members present here to support or explain the position which necessitated such a long statement from the General Secretary. I think except for 3 or 4 members out of a total of 20 members of the Council many have not given their point of view. This is one thing which has struck me. The second thing is that I was a member of the Special Finance Committee as also of the Finance Committee. I will not disclose here what was my view with regard to the details or with regard to the procedure, because when the opinion comes from the Council as such on the main recommendations made by the Finance Committee, I expressed my personal opinion before the members of both the Committees and requested that the same might be put down in writing for their record. It is a very delicate matter which has come up before the meeting today. In the first place certain opinions are expressed by members at the General Meeting who at the same time question the decisions which had been reached by the Council. It is not only difficult but almost impossible to go into such minute details as had been arrived at by the Finance Committee or the Council. I myself am not quite happy as to the procedure followed. My friend, Dr. R. C. Majumdar, at the present moment requested the Secretary not to raise other questions at the meeting because that would be necessary for detailed replies to questions which might be asked at the next meeting. Why therefore enter into the question now? What are the papers which will be made available? And when will these papers be placed in the hands of the members who would be interested? We know that some of them are in the personal custody of the General Secretary but all members had not been told the position or decisions on which to go. Many things have not been typed or might have been done confidentially by the General Secretary or by the President. A time would have to be fixed within which the members may propose to come and the Secretary would have to be present so that members may view the papers otherwise it would be very difficult if somebody came at 12 and others at 1. I might enumerate some of the papers that will be necessary: (1) Lort-William Committee's Report, (2) the Reorganisation Committee appointed in 1949 and the decisions which were reached at that time, and (3) all the relevant papers so far as the present reorganisation proposals are concerned. I may be worng but I feel there may be some apprehension in the minds of some members because of what has been stated by the General Secretary. We learn that the last year's Finance Committee prepared the Budget and the Draft Budget for 1954 based on the figures for last year and directed that expenditure might be incurred on that scale so long as the new Budget was not finally framed. The Special Committee was constituted at the last year's meeting of the Council and they were also members of the Finance Committee together with three other members, one of whom was the representative of the Government of India. The papers relating to these meetings may be made available. I admire the frank speech of the General Secretary when he was giving a summary and I congratulate him on all that he said except with regard to the last two sentences. Why he concluded by saying something about individuals in the office, I do not quite follow. As a matter of fact the Special Finance Committee refused to express any opinion about individuals because they wanted to give an opportunity to the Finance Committee or the Council to look into the necessary changes to be effected. Here also it is not good to go into individual cases but to just find out what are our personal views as to the recommendations of the Council. We have first to get an idea of what are the duties which are to be performed and what are the functions of the Society. We should prepare a chart of the duties according to the finances. We may say that such of the duties are to be attended to by the employees of the Society, namely, the duties which have been decided upon according to the finances available. Then the qualifications of the staff would have to be looked into, and it would have to be found out how many remaining in the office would not have enough work. We must show all this on a clean slate. When people are working for 10/15 or 8/9 years we cannot suddenly say this year that by a change in the designation of the office posts they are not fit for working in this office any more. Therefore, we must go cautiously. Certainly the Council should think first about ways to solve the problem of staff because it should be brone in mind that the apprehension about the office staff that has arisen in some of the members should disappear altogether. We should approach this problem from a realistic point of view, so we should not merely think of the financial position for 1954 but also about the financial position in 1955 and even in 1956. But I may tell you that in the last meeting of the Special Finance Committee we took a long time over various other points which cannot be considered here because of the lack of time. It is possible for members present in the General Meeting today to show that the finance are not so bad as they have been depicted to be. I am sure that in case we put our heads together, we could end this delicate situation.

General Secretary: I have been requested by Justice Mookerjee not to say anything in reply to observations made at this meeting. I entirely agree with him and I refrain from giving answers. Moreover I find that some of the members who earlier made vituperative attacks have left the meeting.

Justice R. P. Mookerjee: I must say in explanation that it was not meant to be anything personal so far as the General Secretary was concerned. But Secretaries are only fleeting personalities even though some of them might have been in office for 5 years in succession. Dr. K. N. Bagchi had been in office for more then 3 years; but the point is whether Secretary A, B, or C and every successive secretary were not able to find out or could induce the Council to find out whether there were half dozen or more persons always available who had not enough work, to do in the Society. I do not subscribe to what Dr. K. P. Biswas said a short while ago. Those remarks of his were not relevant to the consideration of the question which should be uppermost in the minds of all those who have assembled here today.

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General Secretary: There is another item which I might incidentally mention. Justice Mookerjee was right that according to precedent the Budget should formally be placed before the general body of members. What happened was that when this Budget was prepared the receipt side was printed on the annual meeting day, and the expenditure side for 1954 had to be kept blank because the Council sanctioned on a *pro-rata* basis for four months, then for two months and finally for three more months. They estimated the expenditure for four months and informed the general body of members accordingly. This was necessary also at least for the sake of applying to the local and central Governments for grants prior to March 1954. The Budget now presented did not take into account the reorganisation or retrenchment proposals formulated by the Council except the savings approved on account of the Librarian having gone on leave without pay, and the conveyance allowance to the General Secretary having been done away with; and in the remarks column therefore those two items were shown as savings in expenditure column. I suggest that for the purpose of carrying on the work of the Society the Budget should be passed at today's meeting.

Justice R. P. Mookerjee formally moved that the Budget be adopted. Dr. R. C. Majumdar seconded the proposal and that proposal was carried unanimously at the meeting.

B. K. Chattopadhyay: I suggest that the days and time which would be suitable should be fixed now. None of the members of the Council is ordinarily available between 3 and 5 p.m. on any day.

General Secretary: If the members would kindly fix the dates on which they would like to come between the hours of 5 and 7 or 5-30 and 7 any day this week, except Thursday, the 5th August, I shall be pleased to meet and help them. If they previously write to me a postcard I would keep the papers ready for them. That would save me from being away from them. I think a fortnight for this inspection of papers would be sufficient. It really means dropping a postcard when they would call. This week on Saturday too I shall be available at that hour. I shall also be in the office between 5 and 7 p. m. on five days of the next week (9th to 13th August).

Chairman: This is mutually arranged, I thank you very much.

On a query from the Chairman as to when the next discussion would take place after they had seen the necessary papers, the members unanimously agreed that it should be at the next Monthly General Meeting.

General Secretary: As consideration of the main proposals has been postponed to the next monthly meeting I would like to mention at today's meeting that the term of office of two members of our office staff, one working in the General Office as the Publication Assistant and another working in the Library as the Technical Assistant appointments actually expired on 31st July, 1954. Both of them are on a purely temporary basis. I have not mentioned their names but mentioned the posts which they occupy. Is it the desire of the house that they should continue at least for one or two months in the same posts?

S. Tagore: Any decision on the point referred to by the General Secretary depend on the very merit of that question.

General Secretary: The posts are permanent but the incumbents are temporary. The procedure is that the Council makes recommendations to the general body of members in such cases. The Council did not make any recommendation in these two particular cases and if any suggestion is made today extending the term of the office of the two incumbents by one or two months then the Council might accept that. I would like to get some light as to what are the intentions of the members in regard to a fresh term of appointment in the two cases mentioned by me.

S. Tagore: That would come up at the next General Meeting.

Chairman: It is for the Council to make recommendations as regards the two posts and extension of the term of appointment by one month more. I think you can only say to the Council that they might consider the question of the extension of the term of appointment of two hands till the question of reorganisation was finally disposed of.

Justice R. P. Mookerjee: How long are those people in the employ of the Asiatic Society?

General Secretary: One is serving the Society for one year and the other perhaps for five years.

Chairman: What is the decision of this house? These two cases would be considered again by the Council. But if we wanted to act, we could have brought to the notice of the meeting that the incumbents of the two posts mentioned were in service yesterday but they are not in our service today. The Chairman then proposed as follows:—

"That as the term of appointment of the two posts mentioned by the General Secretary expired on 31st July, 1954, it is the sense of this house that the Council should be requested to consider the question of extension of the period of services of the two incumbents until the next general meeting."

The above proposal was accepted.

After that the Chairman closed the meeting stating that the next Monthly General Meeting would be held on the 6th September, 1954.

J. M. Sen,
General Secretary.

The Draft Minutes were circulated to the Members who principally participated in the discussions on the 2nd August, 1954, for rectification of any errors which might have crept in the Minutes. No replies having been received from Prof. R. C. Majumdar, Prof. Hiralal Chopra, Dr. K. P. Biswas it must be presumed that they approved of the portions relating to their remarks in the Minutes. Prof. Debaprosad Ghosh made slight modifications and those have been inserted.

Some of the suggestions of Dr. S. L. Hora are given below. He wants them to be incorporated in the proceedings of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on the 2nd August, 1954. Some slight verbal alterations have been made where possible. But the modifications suggested by him (as per list given below) cannot be incorporated because in that case the sequence of the comments or queries made by other members would be disturbed.

My dear Professor Sen,

Herewith my suggestions for verbal changes, some in concrete form and some by indications. Kindly go through them calmly and then adopt those that seem to you reasonable. Personally, I think such a long record of the meeting is not necessary.

Yours sincerely,
S. L. Hora.

13th August, 1954.

	Delete	*Insert*
(*a*) p. 7, para. 3: 3rd line	"fallen into the clutches of the Government"	"been forced to beg grants from"
(*b*) p. 7, para. 3: 7th line	"got into the clutches of the Government".	"has to ask for Govt. grants."
(*c*) p. 7, para. 3: 9th line	"before we lost our independence"	....
(*d*) p. 7, para. 4: 2nd last line	"fall into the clutches of"	"become subservient to"
(*e*) p. 8, para. 2: last 5 lines. *re.* Dr. K. P. Biswas's remarks:	"the present administration of the Society by the General Secretary must be considered as a failure......brought to notice of all long before."	("Requires to be put differently.")
(*f*) p. 9, para. 3 4th line: *re.* Dr. R. C. Majumdar's remarks:	"Instigation of the Government"	"Suggestion of the Government"
p. 9, para. 3, 10th line from the end:	"Instigation of the Council"	"Suggestion of the Council"

Note.—

If the alterations suggested by Dr. Hora be accepted then the criticisms and queries made by Mr. S. Tagore, Prof. Hiralal Chopra, Dr. K. P. Biswas and Dr. R. C. Majumdar would not stand. There can be no authority to suggest that the remarks made by these four members should be changed even at the suggestion of the Chairman of the meeting.

Letter of Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, dated 17th August, 1954 bearing on the subject of correct recording of the Minutes of the last Monthly General Meeting held on 2nd August, and the reply of the General Secretary thereto, dated 19th August, 1954, are quoted below for the information of members. Mr Justice Mookerjee has not called or written further on the subject up till now, *i.e.*, 2nd September, 1954.

I

77, Asutosh Mookerjee Road,
Calcutta-25
The 17th August, 1954

The Hony. Secretary,
The Asiatic Society,
1, Park Street,
Calcutta.

Dear Sir,

The extracts from the discussions at the last monthly meeting forwarded with your letter cannot be revised without looking into the entire Minutes. I shall try to go to the office one of these days and look into the same. I may state in the meantime that the names of the speakers are not always correct. The reporter might have put down names sometimes incorrectly at least at one or two places so far as I am concerned.

Yours faithfully,
Ramaprasad Mookerjee.

II

THE ASIATIC SOCIETY

1, Park Street, Calcutta-16

Ref. No: 2575 19th August, 1954

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated the 17th August, 1954, regarding Minutes of the last monthly meeting.

You are welcome to peruse the entire Minutes whenever you can find time to call at the office.

If any of the names of the speakers have been wrongly put down in the Minutes they can be corrected after your perusal of the same.

Yours faithfully,
J. M. Sen,
General Secretary.

Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, M.A., B.L.,
77 Asutosh Mookerjee Road,
Calcutta.

Appendix "A" mentioned in Item No. 6 of the Agenda of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Society to be held on Monday, the 2nd August, 1954.

At the time of the consideration of the Budget for 1954 the Council of the Asiatic Society appointed a Special Committee for devising ways and means for augmenting the income of the Society and for reduction of expenditure. The Committee met several times and made certain proposals which were later on considered by the Finance Committee of the Society held on the 9th July, 1954. The Council of the Society considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee and came to the following decisions on the 16th July, 1954:—

I. (1) The post of the two Assistant Librarians be abolished with effect from 1st January, 1955 and that in place of the above named posts two posts of Technical Assistants be created.

(2) That the following 4 posts of the General Office be abolished:—

(*i*) Publication Assistant	..	..	Rs. 150-10-250
(*ii*) General Assistant	..	..	„ 60-5-125
(*iii*) Sales Assistant	..	..	„ 60-5-125
(*iv*) Files Assistant	..	..	„ 60-5-125

and that a new post designated as the Accounts Assistant be created in the scale of Rs. 60-5-125.

(3) The post of the Superintendent 250-20/2-350 be abolished but a post of Head Assistant in the scale of Rs. 200-10-300 be created.

(4) The post of the Despatch Assistant be designated as a Junior Assistant and the assignment of duties be left to the Head Assistant.

[The total strength of the staff of the General Office will thus be—

1 Head Assistant	Rs. 200-10-300
1 Accountant-*cum*-Cashier	„ 200-10-300
2 Junior Assistants	„ 60-5-125

(One assistant dealing mainly with Sales, Stock, and Accounts work, and the other with Files and Despatch work);

1 Steno-typist	Rs. 125-15/2-200
Typist	„ 60-5-125]

(5) Of the Lower Grade posts in the General Office, the following three, *viz.*, 1 despatch peon, 1 despatch peon (cycle), and 1 bearer, be abolished.

(6) No Dearness Allowance be paid to the Bill Collecting Sircar and that the method of collection of subscriptions and the percentage of commission to be paid to him be reviewed by coming to a new arrangement with him.

(7) The quality of and capacity for work of the present incumbent to the post of Typist in the scale of Rs. 60-5-125, and the work of the Superintendent, if he is at all to be appointed as Head Assistant with a personal allowance, and the work of the other members of the staff, be reviewed by the Council at a subsequent meeting.

(8) The question whether, and if so when, the recommendations of the Library Committee as approved by the Special Committee and the Finance Committee, on the basis of the cataloguing project suggested by Mr. B. S. Kesavan, regarding the creation of three additional posts of Cataloguers should be initiated, be considered when preparing the Budget for 1955, in the light of the financial circumstances at that time (Hence this matter is referred to the Budget Committee for 1955).

[The Library staff will for the present consist of:—
The Librarian ;
The Deputy Librarian ;
2 Technical Assistants ;
1 Curator for Sanskrit Mss. (temporary for a fixed period)
1 Cataloguer for Islamic Mss. (temporary for a fixed period)
1 Typist.]

(9) The question whether the post of three of the Library attendants or bearers, and of the Library gateman, should be abolished, and the number of cleaners should be increased from 2 to 5, and a general peon may be provided for the Library, should be considered when preparing the Budget for 1955.

(Hence this matter is referred to the Budget Committee for 1955).

(10) The item in the Budget for payment of a fixed Conveyance Allowance to the General Secretary be dropped with effect from July, 1954, thereby effecting a saving of Rs. 900 during the current financial year. (The present General Secretary himself made the suggestion and was accepted both by the Finance Committee and the Council with gratitude). The question of restoring the Conveyance Allowance of the General Secretary may, however, be considered by the Budget Committee for 1955 in the light of the financial circumstances at the time.

II

As regards augmenting the income of the Society it was felt by the Council that there should be a larger number of members enrolled in the near future and for this purpose the following decision was arrived at by the members of the Council present at the meeting on the 16th July, 1954.

There should be three categories of Ordinary Members, *viz.*—

(A) Those residing at Calcutta and at places within a radius of 30 miles of Calcutta—their rate of subscription fixed at Rs. 10 per quarter should not be changed and they will enjoy the full rights of membership as at present.

(B) Those residing outside a radius of 30 miles of Calcutta—their rate of subscription is to be fixed at Rs. 6 per quarter; they will get either the Letters part or the Science part of the Journal, but will enjoy all other privileges of Ordinary Membership.

(C) Those who reside outside a radius of 30 miles of Calcutta and agree to pay only a subscription of Rs. 3 per quarter,—they will not get the Journal *gratis* and not have any voting rights but will enjoy all other rights, *e.g.*, purchase of publications (including the journal) at concessional rates, use of the library, attendance at meetings, etc.

Whether the third category of members should be designated as Associate Members by changing the existing rules for election of Associate Members, is to be taken up when the rules are revised.

The decision about instituting the three categories of Ordinary Members was not unanimous, one member of the Council (Mr. Ashfaque

Husain) suggested that we should also have a category of members designated as Foreign members whose rate of subscription might be separately fixed.

The majority of the members of the Council felt that the Asiatic Society being a pan-Indian and even an International Institution, should try to attract a larger number of members from outside Calcutta than at present, hence the above decision about lowering of the rate of subscription for members residing outside Calcutta was taken.

As the above decision of the Council, regarding membership of the Society implies a change in the rules of the Asiatic Society, the whole matter will have to be again placed before the Council for their final recommendation, and the procedure laid down in Rule No. 69 of the Rules of the Asiatic Society will have to be followed.

BUDGET ESTIMATES, 1954

RECEIPTS

No.	Budget Heads	Actual Receipts up to June 1954	Anticipated receipts under existing scale, July-Decr. 1954	Total from Jany.-Decr. 1954	Reduction in terms of recommendation of Spl. Comm.	Final Total Jany.-Decr. 1954	Remarks
1	Interest on Investment ..	4,404	4,696	9,100	..	9,100	In the Budget estimates prepared in January this year, total income was estimated at Rs. 85,905. Owing to increase of Rs. 5,000 in Government Grant and by making other adjustments it is now estimated at Rs. 91,300.
II	Interest on Fixed Deposit ..	..	..	..	..	..	
III	Advertisement ..	7,000	5,000	12,000	..	12,000	
IV	Income from leased lands ..	7,325	5,875	13,200	..	13,200	
V	Miscellaneous	1,318	1,182	2,500	..	2,500	
VI	Members Subscription ..	11,175	5,825	17,000	..	17,000	
VII	Admission Fees	594	706	1,300	..	1,300	
VIII	Compounding Fees ..	468	232	700	..	700	

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IX	Special Grant, Govt. of India	25,000	..	25,000	..	25,000	
X	Proportionate share for General Expenditure from :—						
	1. Oriental Publication Fund No. 1 ..	..	3,500	3,500	..	3,500	
	2. Publication Fund ..	..	5,000	5,000	..	5,000	
	3. Arabic & Persian Mss. Fund	..	2,000	2,000	..	2,000	
						91,300	

EXPENDITURE

No.	Budget Heads	Actual exp. up to June 1954	Anticipated exp. under the existing scale: July-Decr. 1954	Total from Jany.-Decr. 1954	Reduction in terms of the recommendation of Special Comm.	Final Total Jany.-Decr. 1954	Remarks
I	Salaries :						
	Salary of Office Staff ..	11,444	11,356	22,800	..	22,800	
	„ „ Library Staff ..	8,011	5,689	13,700	..	13,700	Librarian granted leave without pay.
	„ „ Leave Reserve ..	12	388	400		400	
II	Provident Fund Contribution	1,077	923	2,000	..	2,000	Librarian's contribution not included.
IIIA	General Secretary's Conveyance Allowance ..	900	900	1,800	900	900	
IIIB	Dearness Allowance :						
	Office Staff	5,137	5,137	10,300	720	9,600	
	Library Staff	2,904	2,496	5,400	..	5,400	Librarian's allowance not included.
IV	Interim Relief	..	..	..	..	..	
V	Gratuity	..	..	..	..	..	
VI	Commission	299	301	600	..	600	
VII	Printing, Notices & Circulars, &c.	1,750	1,750	3,500	..	3,500	
VIII	Stationery	665	835	1,500	..	1,500	
IX	Contingencies and Miscellaneous	1,002	2,498	3,500	..	3,500	Contribution for restoration of Sir Wm. Jones' tomb, and for Advertisement for Book Sales.
X	Postage	2,074	2,126	4,200	..	4,200	Increased Postal rate.
XI	Electric Charges	1,219	1,181	2,400	..	2,400	
XII	Telephones	247	213	460	..	460	

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XIII	Transfer to Building Repairs Fund	630	1,770	2,400	..	2,400	The expenditure would have been Rs. 98,500, if the Librarian had not gone on leave without pay with effect from 1st July, 1954. Hence the normal deficit would be Rs. 7,200 on the basis of the recommendation of the Special Committee.
XIV	Taxes	1,920	1,920	3,840		3,840	
XV	Insurance	750	..	750		750	
XVI	Lower Subordinate Staff Uniforms	455	245	700	..	700	
XVII	Furniture (Purchase & Repairs)	268	132	400	..	400	
XVIII	Audit Fee	650	..	650	..	650	
XIX	Library Book Purchase ..	1,802	4,198	6,000	..	6,000	
XX	" " Binding ..	360	640	1,000	..	1,000	
XXI	" Improvement ..	3,820	2,480	6,300	..	6,300	
XXII	General Improvement ..	182	318	500	..	500	
XXIII	Transfer to Permanent Reserve	1,000	1,000	2,000	..	2,000	
						95,500	

An Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 6th September, 1954.

PRESENT

DR. SUNITI KUMAR CHATTERJI, M.A., D.Lit., F.A.S., M.L.C.,
(in the Chair).

Members:

Agarwalla, T. N.
Bagchi, K. N.
Banerjea, J. N.
Banerjee, Raghabendra
Banerjee, Subrata
Banerjee, S.
Banerji, Sudhangsu
Basu, U. P.
Bose, D. M.
Bhattacharyya, H. D.
Bhattacharyya, Nirmal
Bandyopadhyaya, Biswanath
Chokhany, Ramdev
Chopra, Hiralall
Chakravarti, P.
Chatterjee, B. K.
Chatterjee, R.
Chatterjee, M. D.
Chatterji, Asoke
Dasgupta, C. C.
Gupta, P. C.
Ghose, Benoy
Ghosh, Devaprasad
Hasan, Masood
Hora, S. L.
Jhunjhunwala, Biswanath
Kanoria, G. K.
Kundu, B. P.
Lahiri, A. N.
Maitra, K. M.
Mitra, G.
Mitra, Sisirkumar
Mookerjee, Ramaprasad
Mookerjee, Umaprasad
Mukerji, Binoybhushan
Ray, Sukumar
Saha, Mahadev Pd.
Saraf, C. M.
Saraswati, S. K.
Sen, J. M.
Sen, Nirmalkumar
Sen, Sukumar
Tagore, Saumyendranath
Ukil, A. C.

Visitors:

Bhattacharji, A.
Bhattacharyya, A.
Mookerjee, Lakshmikanta
Das Gupta, Rekha
Mukherji, Tarapada

At the commencement of the meeting the Chairman requested Mr. Nirmalkumar Sen to read the obituary notice regarding the late Justice A. N. Sen, and the former read the same.

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on the 2nd August, 1954.

(*Note*:—As the proceedings were lengthy and it would take a long time to read the same, cyclostyled copies of the Minutes were handed to each member for perusal ten minutes before the scheduled time of the meeting.)

When the Chairman opened the meeting a discussion followed concerning the Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on the 2nd August, 1954. The Chairman, General Secretary, Dr. A. C. Ukil and Dr. D. M. Bose replied to the queries of Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, Mr. Saumyendranath Tagore, Prof. Hiralall Chopra, Mr. Devaprasad Ghosh, Mr. U. P. Mookerjee, Mr. Subrata Banerjee and Mr. C. M. Saraf.

General Secretary then explained that some copies of the draft minutes of the Proceedings of the Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on 2nd August, 1954 were circulated previously to the members who participated in the discussions on that day. As no replies had been received by the previously specified date, from Dr. R. C. Majumdar, Dr. K. P. Biswas and Prof. Hiralall Chopra, it was presumed that they had accepted those portions of the draft minutes in which their comments appeared were correctly recorded. Mr. Devaprasad Ghosh, however, made some modifications, and those had been inserted in the Minutes. Dr. S. L. Hora also suggested some verbal alterations and those had been duly corrected in the fair copy of the Minutes, but two or three changes suggested by Dr. S. L. Hora could not be given effect to due to reasons indicated in the General Secretary's explanatory notes which formed as an annexure to the Minutes of the August monthly meeting. With regard to the comments of Mr. Justice Mookerjee, a letter was received from him. A copy of that letter together with the General Secretary's reply thereto had been circulated to the meeting. Although Justice Mookerjee did not come to the society as stated in his letter, he did however come earlier on the day of the meeting and examined the original draft copies of the Minutes as recorded by the reporter who the original draft copies of the minutes as recorded by the reporter who took down verbatim shorthand notes on the day of the meeting. Mr. Justice Mookerjee then observed at the meeting itself that so far as he was concerned the Minutes were substantially correct in spite of a few minor mistakes here and there.

The Chairman next said: "I trust that everybody finds the Minutes to be correct, hence if there be no objection the Minutes may be confirmed." He then suggested to the meeting that in view of the importance of the discussions held on the 2nd August, 1954 the question of confirmation might be decided by votes by show of hands. The result of the voting was 18 in favour of confirmation of the Minutes, and 6 against. The Minutes were then duly confirmed and signed.

2. The Chairman next asked the Secretary to announce the receipt of books presented to and purchased by the Society during July 1954, as noted in the Appendices. The General Secretary said that 130 such books had been received. They were exhibited on the table for the inspection of members. The special attention of the members was also

drawn to the Palm-Leaf manuscripts received which were shown in Appendix "B".

3. After that the Chairman called upon the Secretary to read the names of the candidates for membership of the Society. He then appointed Prof. Makhanlal Chaudhury and Prof. Protul Gupta to act as scrutineers, and the ballot papers were distributed to the members.

4. The Chairman next took up item No. 4 on the printed agenda relating to the enquiries of Mr. Ramdev Chokhany about the publication of the Catalogue of Rajasthani manuscripts, and requested the General Secretary to elucidate the position with reference to the note circulated already.

General Secretary said that to save time he had supplied a full account about this to Mr. Chokhany and cyclostyled copies of the same were circulated to the members. At the last Ordinary General Monthly Meeting the Chairman (Dr. S. L. Hora) suggested that Mr. Ramdev Chokhany might be forwarded copies of the decisions of the Publication Committee as well as of the Council. This was done so that Mr. Ramdev Chokhany might know the latest position.

Ramdev Chokhany: I have gone through the statement sent to me by the Secretary. The donation was received by the Society in 1946, and we are now in 1954, and we find that even the 'press copy' has not yet been prepared. I would rather say that that sort of thing must be very unsatisfactory.

The Chairman informed Mr. Chokhany that the gentleman who prepared the Catalogue left Calcutta a long time ago and the office could not contact him after he had taken up a professorship in the Lucknow University. As no further donation was forthcoming, the final printing of the catalogue as left by Mr. Trivedi could not be taken up for want of additional funds. In the circumstance the Council had to request the Philological Secretary to go into the whole thing and make a revision of the complete text so that the publication of the Catalogue of Rajasthani manuscripts could be expedited with the help of the balance money available. These were the facts. The Chairman hoped that Mr. Chokhany, in view of the extenuating circumstances, would accept the explanation given in this connection.

Ramdev Chokhany: This sort of thing is very discouraging as donations given to the Society for particular purposes should be quickly utilised.

Chairman: I think there was some laxity on the part of the office Assistant concerned and the Council had taken due notice of that.

Ramdev Chokhany: My point is that no 'press copy' was forthcoming for sometime and the Committee was misled by the Assistant's inaccurate report.

Chairman: Action had been taken on that.

General Secretary: The Assistant responsible had been informed that his term of appointment could not be extended beyond 30th September, 1954.

Justice R. P. Mookerjee: What are the charges against this Assistant? So far as laxity is concerned, a particular person who stands to lose his job should, I think, be given an opportunity to explain.

General Secretary: He was a temporary Assistant. The matter was fully discussed in the Publication Committee first and then by the Council. Instead of my giving a reply to the query of Mr. Justice Mookerjee, Dr. A. C. Ukil, who presided over the Publication Committee meeting, might enlighten the members about the action taken at the meeting. The Publication Committee on 13th August, 1954 was concerned about the Publication Assistant's conduct and brought it to the notice of the Council, and the Council decided that the services of the Assistant concerned should not be continued beyond 30th September, 1954. The question of drawing up charges and other things did not arise at all. He was a temporary Assistant only and the period of his service was not to be extended any more.

Justice Mookerjee: If it is a temporary post or a person is holding a temporary appointment, certainly that can be terminated, but if the only ground is that the person is inefficient and that he has been negligent that puts a different complexion to the whole picture. Under such circumstances his services cannot be terminated without giving him an opportunity to defend himself. The resolution placed before the members does not refer to the part played by that Assistant about the non-printing of the catalogue or its being mislaid.

Dr. A. C. Ukil: The Publication Committee went into the question in some details and then it was found out that he was not only slow but that he did not know about the various papers which were to be put up before the Publication Committee in time. Lastly, he misinformed the Publication Committee about the progress made and changed certain entries in the monthly progress report so that it gave an entirely wrong impression about the progress of the printing of the Rajasthani manuscripts. It also transpired that he was generally inefficient. The Publication Committee therefore recommended the termination of his services and when the matter came up before the Council they too accepted the recommendation of the Publication Committee. We did not think that work done by a man holding a temporary office like that would be of much use to the Society.

Umaprasad Mookerjee: It has been stated that the individual concerned has been penalised for a specific offence by the Publication Committee. The main question is whether any Assistant has been actually penalised or not. In that case it cannot be a question simply of termination of service. In case any one is penalised he should be given an opportunity to defend himself.

Prof. Hiralal Chopra: As noted in the General Secretary's statement it is evident that the Assistant concerned was not holding a permanent post. Dr. Ukil found that he was not a proper person to be retained in the service of the Society. Even though he was in temporary service, the law of the land requires that he must be given a chance to defend himself.

Chairman: What is the law of the land? I do not think that there should be any confusion of issues. Temporary services must be terminated on a certain date and the temporary period of service of the Publication Assistant could not be extended because the Committee found that his work was grossly negligent. The Committee also found that apart from negligence he also misrepresented facts by making such alterations in the statements as to be very misleading. Under these circumstances the Council proposed to discontinue the temporary period of his service.

The Chairman then read the following resolution of the Publication Committee dated 13th August, 1954, item No. 9.

> Consideration of the Monthly Progress Report, regarding the various publications of the Society, now in the Press.
>
> *Recommendation:* (1) Record; (2) The Committee was very much concerned about the inefficiency of the Publication Assistant and thought that his work was unsatisfactory and that this fact should be brought to the notice of the Council. The Publication Committee was further of the opinion that the Council might consider the question of termination of the services of the Publication Assistant; (3) Expedite the publication of the Catalogue of Rajasthani manuscripts.
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> *Council meeting,* dated 23rd August, 1954, item No. 6.
>
> Consideration of the recommendations of the Publication Committee meeting held on 13th August, 1954.
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> *Order:* The Council noted the recommendation of the Publication Committee, (item No. 9) in regard to Sri Rajendrachandra Kar,

temporary Publication Assistant and decided that no further extension of service should be granted to him beyond 30th September, 1954.

Saumyendranath Tagore: First of all he has been in appointment with the Society since January 1949 and he has been transferred from one department to another until he took charge of the work of the Publication Department. He has been in service with the Society for the past 5 or 6 years and he is still temporary. After six months or after one year the law of the land requires that a temporary employee should be placed on a permanent footing. This is the principle about which we are fighting. Apart from that the point which I want to raise, is to enquire whether he has been given a chance to defend his case.

Dr. D. M. Bose: Under which rule are the members at the General Meeting proposing to discuss the question of termination of service of a temporary member of the staff? Under Rule No. 41 (*d*) it is the prerogative of the Council to terminate at any time the services of any employee of the Society.

Umaprasad Mookerjee: Under Rule No. 49 (*g*), page 17, we have a right to discuss all reports presented by the Council.

He then read the rule which states:—

> "Reports and communication from the Council shall be submitted for consideration."

In the agenda of the August meeting, item No. 6, the words "consideration of the report" were used. It was under Rule 49 (*g*), and not Rule 41 (*d*) that shelter is being taken now in order to shut out discussion by the members.

General Secretary: That is not the point, as we are now considering the question of the printing of the Rajasthani manuscripts.

Prof. N. C. Bhattacharyya: On a point of order I would like to submit that Dr. Bose's suggestion was not correct: that the Council had all rights and that the General Meeting had no right to discuss any decision of the Council. Under Rule 41 (*d*) too the general body of members had a right to discuss the report.

Raghabendra Banerjee: It is unfair and contrary to the rule. Does anybody here suggest that the General Meeting has no right to discuss the report?

Chairman: As I understand it, are we discussing or just considering the matter? What actually does "consideration" mean? Does it mean overriding the decision of the Council, or does it mean that the Council simply reports to the General Meeting for information only?

Prof. N. C. Bhattacharyya: Under Rule 49 (*g*), we have the right of full discussion.

Saumyendranath Tagore: So far two different points of view have been put forward. How any suggestions made here would be binding upon the decision of the Council? I want to know that.

Prof. N. C. Bhattacharyya: We have a right to discuss.

Saumyendranath Tagore: Does it mean that we have the right to accept or reject the decisions of the Council?

Prof. N. C. Bhattacharyya: We can discuss but cannot reject. Is it not premature to discuss about the interpretation of Rule 49 (*g*) at this stage?

Umaprasad Mookerjee: In item No. 4 we are to discuss about the reply to the enquiry from Mr. Ramdev Chokhany about the Rajasthani manuscripts. We have no report before us, and there cannot be any question of application of Rule 49 (*g*) therefore at present. The only point of Mr. Chokhany was whether the man had been penalised. The Secretary has placed the facts before us and it has been stated that there is no question of an extension of his services beyond a particular date. If we are going to say that this man has been penalised then there might be trouble elsewhere.

General Secretary: I have not used the word "penalised" in regard to any queries in reporting the decision of the Publication Committee and the Council. The Council merely stated that after 30th September his services might be terminated.

Raghabendra Banerjee: Might I say that from the resolution of the Publication Committee it appeared that this gentleman's work was unsatisfactory. Is it fair to any person that any action is to be taken against anyone without giving him an opportunity to explain his conduct?

Umaprasad Mookerjee: It is better that the matter is considered again by the Committee concerned in a proper set up.

Prof. N. C. Bhattacharyya: The question is a difficult one. I do not know the wording of the resolution. In coming to this decision the members of the Council took into consideration certain reports which were of a very damaging character. When finally came the resolution of the Publication Committee, the Council had to give due weight to the recommendations of that Committee, the past services of the individual concerned, and the latest negligence on his part. That was why they came to the conclusion that it was not desirable to extend his services beyond 30th September, 1954. So the relevant facts that were taken into consideration were, the report of the Office Superintendent, the report of the former General Secretary, Dr. K. N. Bagchi and the recommendation of the Publication Committee.

Dr. D. M. Bose: Such confidential reports should not be discussed in a General Meeting. I am certain that members will agree with me that this is a confidential matter and have to be dealt with in a closed meeting.

Umaprasad Mookerjee: I propose formally that so far as item No. 4 is concerned the reply to the enquiry as given by the General Secretary be recorded, but the decision in respect of the temporary Publication Assistant taken should be further considered by the proper committee. Will anybody second this proposal in the light of the observations already made by me on two points, *viz.,* as regards the termination of the services of the Assistant and whether such a termination of service can be as a measure of punishment?

Ramdev Chakhany: I second this proposal. Let this matter be reconsidered by the Council and proper Committee, in the light of the observations made in this meeting.

Chairman: Suppose the Council met and adhered to the original decision that his services should be terminated without any reference to the merits of the case, simply as an official measure because he was a temporary hand, what would be the position then?

Ramdev Chokhany: I appeal to the members to accept the decision of the Council and not to throw a slur on anybody. What we are concerned about is the question of termination of services of an Assistant whose work was not considered necessary or useful, after giving him proper notice. Dr. D. M. Bose pointed out that the matter was discussed on the basis of a confidential report and was not to be made public.

Saumyendranath Tagore: If this question is taken to a Court of Law, he would have to be given proper notice and the charges against him would have to be proved. We find from the previous decisions of the Council that the services of this very Assistant were extended on 24th May, 1953 and again on 18th March, 1954. In other words he was not found negligent then. Why then has he been suddenly made a scapegoat?

Dr. D. M. Bose: I take this opportunity to suggest that the General Secretary should have the services of a legal Adviser before he drafts his minutes or agenda. If discussion is to be conducted in this fashion then the General Secretary would have to be given a legal Adviser.

Umaprasad Mookerjee: I myself proposed earlier that the reply to the letter of Mr. Chokhany should be recorded in the light of the observations made. Let the matter be placed again before the proper Committee to consider how the services of this Assistant should be terminated. What provision was made for payment of any money to the Assistant thus retrenched? The General Secretary might be competent to do this and let him report to the subsequent meeting that the matter was reconsidered.

Saumyendranath Tagore: If you will kindly analyse the whole matter the position is simply this. The Publication Committee met and considered the case of this Assistant on the spot. Then the whole thing was considered by the Council. From the resolution of the Council it appears that there can be no further extension of the service of the temporary Publication Assistant beyond the 30th September, 1954, the date fixed by the Council.

C. M. Saraf: I fail to understand why this gentleman, Mr. Kar, failed to file an objection. If he files an objection petition then I believe the matter will be re-considered by the Council. The Publication Committee made a decision and the Council confirmed it. I think it is absolutely fair that their decisions should be accepted by the general members. If the Council is not given power, I do not know how the work of the Society may be carried on.

Umapasad Mookerjee: I respectfully refer to the comments made by our friends here. A definite proposal was made and it was duly seconded. It is far from our intention to cast any reflection on the Council. No harm may be caused if this matter is referred back to the Council. Let the Council act in the light of the observations made at this meeting.

Chairman: The proposal is to secure competent legal opinion to back up any action by the Council.

Saumyendranath Tagore: I suggest that this matter should be accepted by this meeting in the light of discussion held. In future arising out of the consideration of all such matters, the Council should take legal opinion before taking any final decision. This gentleman had already been informed that no further extension would be granted. It would be extremely difficult for the Committee or the Council to work under these handicaps.

Raghabendra Banerjee: Nobody questions the competence of the Council. The gentleman whose services had been terminated should be given an opportunity to reply to the charges of negligence brought against him. That is the whole human point of view—a man should always be given the chance to defend himself.

Prof. N. C. Bhattacharyya: The whole point has been missed. The point is this. The Council took everything into consideration and the final decision has been placed before the members for discussion.

Chairman: But the members hold the view that there may be legal difficulties. Dr. Bose, what do you think of this resolution?

Dr. D. M. Bose: It is difficult for me to express my opinion. I did not preside over the meeting.

Dr. A. C. Ukil: I took the opinion of all the members present. They enquired whether the negligence of the Publication Assistant about the Rajasthani manuscripts was the chief fault he committed. Then I said that it was not so. There was a succession of failures and several instances of dereliction of duties to be taken into consideration as per recommendation of the Publication Committee. There were confidential notes and the Council came to the unanimous opinion as in the resolution.

Prof. N. C. Bhattacharyya: In cases of termination of temporary services no legal difficulty can arise at all.

Umaprasad Mookerjee: The Assistant in question served for about six years though in a temporary capacity. You cannot terminate his services in the way suggested. How could you take so much time in discovering that he was inefficient?

Chairman: Let this matter be referred back, without this meeting passing any opinion on it. Only it may be stated that in the light of the discussion the general body of members request the Council to re-examine the question without taking any objection to the decision of the Council.

Subrata Banerjee: The question is about delay in the publication of the manuscript. I find from the report circulated that the manuscript was discovered later in the library. It is regretted that the matter escaped the recollection of the library staff. What steps were taken after the manuscript was discovered on 18th December, 1953? Will the Librarian report why no action was taken? On 12th August, 1954 the Publication Committee sits on judgment on this poor employee. The Publication Committee accuses the Publication Assistant about wrong reports. Yet the final decision of the Publication Committee about sending the manuscript to the Press was taken on 18th December, 1953, and nobody noticed when the manuscript was sent to the Press. The question of inefficiency had been referred to in the report.

Prof. N. C. Bhattacharyya: I might add a few words in support of Mr. Banerjee. There has been an awful neglect as a whole since 1946. I must add that it is not only the present Council but other previous Councils have also been responsible. I have tabulated the entire report. I have noticed that between say, April 1946 and November, 1948 Mr. Trivedi was using the manuscript and finished his work in July, 1950. Mr. Chokhany was requested to make further collection because the Publication fund was inadequate to subsidize this publication. During this time very little work was done. I agree that the Administration too was at fault.

C. M. Saraf: How many other persons are responsible for this delay?

Chairman: Suppose they are no longer in the Society. What are you going to do about them? So the proposal which is before the House is that the matter be referred back in the light of the discussions held. The Council may re-examine the full position again. I therefore put the following resolution to the vote:

> This Meeting recommends that Item No. 4 be sent back to the council with a request that they re-examine the matter anew in the light of the discussions held this afternoon and the opinion expressed by the members.

The result of the voting was that the majority were in favour of the above proposal with only four dissentients.

Dr. D. M. Bose: On a point of order I would say that these Rules and Regulations though very elaborate show up a lot of lacunae. It is not clearly stated what are the functions of the Council and the General Meeting. Under what conditions reports made can be referred back, it is not clearly stated. These are the gaps. I have been reading the Regulations and find a lot of gaps, not clearly defining what are the duties and responsibilities of the Council and how far the decisions of the Council can be modified at a General Meeting.

Chairman: We have always thought of doing our work according to the best of our lights. Since these questions have come up today I may say that the people who had been responsible for drafting these Rules and Regulations were eminent men.

(5) I shall now pass on to the next item on the Agenda. With a view to discussing the most important item last we shall skip over item No. 7 and take up items Nos. 8 and 9 and then come back again to that item.

I now request Dr. S. L. Hora to make his communication on—

"Thoughts on certain aspects of Fish designs in ancient paintings and sculptures."

Dr. S. L. Hora showed a few slides about fish patterns found in ancient sculptures and paintings and observed that he found very interesting cases of fishes in pairs while going through references found in ancient Sanskrit literature. The first slide projected on the screen showed specimens of several pottery with fish designs in pairs on them. In the next slide was shown an umbrella from Sarnath also with fish designs in pairs. Exquisite sculptures from Sarnath were exhibited in another slide. Dr. Hora then remarked in passing that 7th and 8th century exhibits were available in the Indian Museum and there were big statues of Buddha with fish designs in pairs on them. The members evinced much interest in some drawings of twin fishes which Dr. Hora sent round the hall. He then concluded by saying that twin fishes were frequently seen stamped on the floor of houses of devout Hindus.

After Dr. Hora's comments the following took part in the discussion that followed: Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji, Mr. Soumyendranath Tagore, Dr. J. N. Banerjee and Dr. D. M. Bose. Dr. Banerjea added that twin fish designs on conch shells and lotus vases were discovered at Besnagar and other ancient sites.

(6) The Chairman next took up the last item on the printed agenda, that is, item No. 9, and announced the result of the ballot for the election of the following new members, and said that they had all been duly elected:

(20) Das Gupta, Nalinibhusan, M.A., B.T., Lecturer in History, David Hare Training College, Calcutta. 61/7, Moore Avenue, Calcutta-40.
Proposer : J. N. Banerjea. Seconder : P. Chakravarti.

(21) Grellet, Jacques, Doc. in Law (Paris), Consul General of France in Calcutta; 17, Harrington Mansions, Calcutta. Office address : Flat 26, Park Mansions, Calcutta-16.
Proposer : J. M. Sen. Seconder : Jean Batbedat.

(22) Amado, Pierre, M.A. (Paris), French Cultural Attache, French Consulate General, Calcutta; Park Mansions, Calcutta-16.
Proposer : J. M. Sen. Seconder : Jean Batbedat.

(7) The Chairman then opened discussion on item No. 7 of the printed agenda, *viz.*—

Recommendations of the Council about re-organisation of the General Office and the Library as per decisions of the Council made on the 16th July, 1954.

(*Note:*—The details relative to the above were supplied to the members in Appendix "A" attached to the Monthly Meeting notice for August, 1954, and further copies of the same were supplied at this meeting to those members who wanted a copy.)

The Chairman then said:—Before we proceed to discuss this item I would like to tell members one thing. From the proceedings of the last monthly meeting I find that there had been adverse criticisms levelled against the present Council for having sold its birthright for a plate of pottage. We have taken on our Council a representative of the Government of India, and that we have been dancing to the tune played by this gentleman from Delhi. Far from it. He has not taken part in our deliberations. If you clearly follow the proceedings, you will find that nothing of that kind has taken place. When this year we started our work, some members raised objections to the effect that the full Budget for the whole year had not been framed. We had to be content by having a month to month Budget. This of course considerably damaged our prestige outside. That is to say, the Council of the Society could not prepare a Budget for the whole year. This year we were forced to prepare our Budget for one half year or six months, or more, by going on a month to month basis. Now, Gentlemen, what do you expect to find in such circumstances? It sounds as if we yielded to Government our freedom of action, our freedom of opinion. But we have not been able as yet to present before the Government of India our request for funds for the next year. That has been delayed, and unless you take some action and consider carefully what we have been proposing with regard to the better working of the Society, there would be no settlement and the present state of things would continue. The suggestion was made, and we are also thinking along similar lines, whether there was any chance to increase our receipts and reduce our expenditure. We should explore all possibilities in these directions. I think with a view to reducing our expenses we should accept the suggestions made by the Council. I suggested that so far as the Library was concerned we might accept the advice of Mr. Kesavan, the Librarian of the National Library, who is an expert in matters of library administration, and then as regards the advice of Mr. Ashfaque Husain I suggest that we might make enquiries about the working of the Office and the general expenses of the Society, all of which are within our purview. I may point out further that the suggestions made on the basis of the investigations carried out had been given in a spirit of goodwill. We took up certain reports which were placed before the Society by the gentleman who at our request held this inquiry and we sent all those reports for discussion before the Special Finance Committee, specially the recommendations for reduction of expenses and enhancement of receipts and then the Special Committee met and made certain recommendations. They were discussed thoroughly by the Finance Committee first and then by the Council. Those who took part in the deliberations of the Special Committee were Mr. Justice Mookerjee, Mr. Ashfaque Husain, Sir L. P. Misra and other members of the Finance Committee. Then we made some recommendations which came up before the Council for consideration. The final recommendaitons are now before you, and if you think that they are reasonable then I do not think you need send all these back to nullify the suggestions of the Council.

Then there is another item about reduction in membership fees. It has been suggested that a new category of members should be recruited. We have not been able to come to any unanimous decision in this connection. Ultimately that question too would have to be finalised and placed before the General Meeting again.

Now with regard to the first part of this item (Appendix "A") we have only suggested a sort of re-shuffling of the Office with a view to improve the work of the staff. These recommendations are before you and you should take all these things very seriously and give us the benefit of your opinion so that the work might continue. Otherwise, if we do not present our requirements for next year to the Government of India now, I am quite sure they would be reluctant to sanction any financial grants for the year 1954-55.

We have very fortunately settled another problem which had been troubling us for the past 3 or 4 years, *viz.*, the differences with the Standard Vacuum Oil Company (owners of the petrol pump opened on our land next door), and the lease had been renewed up to 31st March, 1956 on terms considered as satisfactory by the Council. This led to the realisation of all arrears due from the lessees. Therefore, we would request you to take into consideration the suggestions made, so that the Society might function and the work carried on. I tell you that we are carrying on under great difficulties. This is the 170th year since the foundation of the Society. We have a great tradition to maintain. I recently returned from a trip to Europe. While in Cambridge at the International Oriental Congress there some Dutch scholars told me that the Royal Society of Arts and Sciences, Batavia, which is 6 years older than our own, having been founded in 1778, had fallen upon bad days and was not functioning owing to internal disorders, and the work of that Society was now almost at a standstill. This is very sad news. After hearing this I did feel a little satisfaction in thinking that our Asiatic Society was still carrying on the great cultural and scientific work in Asia for furthering which it was founded in 1784. Please see that in any way the work of the Asiatic Society is not disturbed. It was never in the minds of the members of the Council to sacrifice the independence of the Society in the least, just for the sake of obtaining grants from the Government of India.

Soumyendranath Tagore: Mr. Chairman, you started by saying today that at the last General Meeting held on the 2nd August some members made adverse criticisms on the score of selling our independence for getting some money from the Central Government. I am amazed. Dr. S. L. Hora was the Chairman of that meeting. He had said that we should maintain our independence with care. I put a question as to whether in sanctioning grants the Government of India had attached any strings to the small pittance they give. Then the General Secretary gave an assurance that no such strings were attached.

Chairman: I was not present at that meeting so I do not want to press this point. In any case there were certain observations or suggestions which came from the meeting and they are on record in the Minutes. When you categorically deny that nothing adverse was meant by any member we might accept that viewpoint at today's meeting. So I recommend now the consideration of the proposals of the Council to see how far they would be conducive to the good working of the Society.

Umaprasad Mookerjee: Before we take up the item for serious consideration I would invite your attention to the notes attached to the item. I am not very much acquainted with the procedure followed at the Society but it is not right that the General Secretary should note in the agenda whether any item would be covered by a particular rule or not. Why the General Secretary did not quote Rule No. 49 (*g*) at all, I do not quite follow.

General Secretary: I have given a reply to the question which might be raised in connection with the confirmation of the Minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Justice Mookerjee put forth that question hence the note was inserted by me.

Umaprasad Mookerjee: Is it usual to interpret the rules in the agenda? Mr. Mookerjee then read the note from the printed agenda which stated:

> "(*N. B.*—In this connection it may be noted that recommendations coming under I, *viz.*, retrenchments and re-organisation are for report to the general body of members in terms of Rule 41 (*d*), read with Rule 4, and those coming under II relating to changes in the Regulations are for discussion and suggestions of members.)"

Next Mr. Mookerjee went on to point out that Rule 49 (*g*) was the direct rule bearing on the point and not Rule 41 (*d*) read with Rule 4.

Under that Rule 49 (*g*) the General Secretary was authorised to place all reports before the general body of members. I wonder, therefore, why he failed to refer to that rule.

After that remark Mr. Mookerjee quoted the relevant Rule No. 49 (*g*):

> "Reports and communications from the Council shall be submitted for consideration."

Chairman: We discussed that rule a short while ago. What is the significance of that rule?

Umaprasad Mookerjee: Is it the duty of the General Secretary to give in the itemized programme his own interpretation about the scope of the discussion to be held under a particular rule? The note means that the recommendations were not for discussion by members. The General Secretary has no such right. If he gives his own views in the matter, he should mention that clearly.

General Secretary: Mr. Mookerjee read out the rule himself. I have not given any direction in regard to any matter.

Chairman: I think what note the General Secretary gave was in a spirit of helpfulness.

Dr. A. C. Ukil: On a point of order I might enquire whether it is right for any member to put some meaning to a rule which is not contemplated.

Umaprasad Mookerjee: My question is clear. I want to be definite about the procedure. I think it is unusual for the General Secretary to give an interpretation of any rule in the notice of a meeting. This matter is for discussion but in putting the item up for discussion an unusual procedure is being followed here.

Prof. N. C. Bhattacharyya: What the General Secretary ought to have done was to have quoted the Rule and not to have expressed an opinion about the scope of the rule. When he makes a summary of the rules, the same must naturally look like an expression of opinion. I hope that Mr. Mookerjee will understand the spirit in which it was given.

Chairman: This reference might be ignored. The note might be omitted from the agenda.

General Secretary: The note will be deleted.

Dr. D. M. Bose: I think that at the last meeting, due to a certain oversight, some items which should only have been reported under Rule 41 (*d*) were put up for consideration. Since Rule 41 (*d*) comes earlier, the report should have been from the Council for information only.

Subsequently if any member wished, he could discuss the item. That was a point which escaped notice in the earlier agenda and hence a wrong impression had been created. It is not the fault of the General Secretary but only the wording in the notice of the meeting was somewhat confusing.

Chairman: The position has been cleared up by me: the note is going to be expunged from the agenda.

It was unanimously agreed to by the members that it would be all right to expunge the note of the General Secretary in the agenda of the meeting.

Chairman: With regard to the second part of the Appendix "A", *viz.,* different categories of members, I now request you to give your opinion on this matter before the Council take it up for action. We have given details on page 2 of the Appendix. As regards augmenting the income of the Society we felt that we should try to get a larger number of members enrolled for this purpose. This decision was taken at the meeting of the Council on the 16th of July, 1954. The Chairman then quoted the resolution as follows:

> *Item No. 7.* Consideration of the recommendations of the Special Committee meeting held on 7th July, 1954, for devising ways and means for augmenting the income of the Society and for reduction of expenditure, as approved by the Finance Committee in Item No. 9 of the meeting held on the 9th July, 1954.
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> *Order:* Decisions taken are indicated in the printed copy attached (*Vide* Schedule "A") and they are to be circulated to the general body of Members for consideration at the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting to be held on the 2nd August, 1954.

After reading the above resolution the Chairman asked the members to express their opinion on the matter.

Justice Mookerjee: This should be considered by a committee and the Rules would have to be changed and a particular procedure laid down in the Rules is to be followed before the matter may come up before the General Meeting for consideration.

Prof. N. C. Bhattacharyya: This item is placed before the meeting for elucidation of the views of the members. I think that the Council will take those views into consideration.

Chairman: We should expedite the matter. You should think over everything and come to a conclusion as to what would be the result of these changes. Those of you who already thought about this and have definite views, might let the General Secretary know their opinion in writing, and regarding those who do not say anything, it will be presumed that they are in general agreement with the proposals.

Justice Mookerjee: My memory goes back to the days when I was chosen to serve on the Rules Committee of the Asiatic Society in order to pass or amend the rules clause by clause. Many of those who served on that committee are also here to-night. For procedure that was followed by the Council at that time, let us turn to Rule No. 69. The procedure suggested therein is that the opinion may be obtained from the members per post and that opinion with the comments of the Council has to be circulated again to all the members of the Society. We cannot therefore pass a resolution to the effect that we accept the proposal or reject it and then leave it to the Council either to accept our opinion or reject it. Please do not place the General Meeting in that position. Let there not be a cleavage between the Council and the General Meeting. Therefore the Council should take the opinion of the members present and ask the members with confidence to co-operate with the Council in resolving the issue.

Prof. N. C. Bhattacharyya: On a previous occasion Mr. Justice Mookerjee and I insisted that such a procedure should be followed. The position was this. I suggested that the members should express their views and the Council should formulate its recommendations in the light of those views.

Prof. Devaprasad Ghosh: When any rule is referred to during discussions the rule should be quoted in *extenso*. Then Mr. Ghosh read out Rule No. 69:

> "69—Alterations in the Rules: When the introduction of any new Rule, or the alteration or repeal of any existing Rule, is recommended by the Council, or proposed by thirty or more Ordinary Members, the Council shall cause to be sent to every Member of the Society entitled to vote, a statement of the proposed changes and the reasons for them, with a view to the votes of the general body of Members being taken as directed in Rule 56. Provided always that no change in the Rules shall be valid unless a majority of *two-thirds* of the Members who have voted are in favour of the proposed changes."

Chairman: It is mentioned in the last paragraph and it is implied therein that the whole matter should be referred to the members for their final views. Since it is rather late, I would request the members to forward their views to the Council in writing and it would be necessary thereafter to forward those views to all the members of the Society. You kindly write to us and then the views thus expressed may be circulated to all the members of the Society. I trust that the members would agree to that and replies should be forwarded by a certain date, say, by the 30th September, 1954.

Umaprasad Mookerjee: We cannot take any final decision today. It is merely to test the feeling of the members whether they agree to these changes or not that the members are being invited to give their views. I like to enquire whether the suggestions made here by the members may be put up to the Council for necessary action.

Chairman: This might be worth giving a thought. It was good to take the members into confidence and benefit by their opinions.

Umaprasad Mookerjee: We may circulate to all the members a copy of the recommendations which we have just been discussing. If the members have got any suggestions to make in the light of these recommendations then they may send in their suggestions within a certain date. After the General Secretary received all those suggestions, let the item come up again before us.

General Secretary: May I request the members at this meeting to give me a clear direction to print and circulate this matter to all the members of the Asiatic Society, and as it has to come up again, Rule No. 69 would have to be followed *in toto*.

Chairman: All those members who are sufficiently interested in the affairs of the Society would express their views per post and those present here might also help us by giving us the benefit of their views as to what they thought in this conjection and then we might proceed according to Rule No. 69.

Chairman: Now about the re-organisation of the General Office. Does any member wish to give any opinion about the following posts recommended to be abolished or should you do it by forwarding written suggestions later on.

1. Two Assistant Librarians, (with effect from 1-1-55)
2. Publication Assistant.
3. General Assistant.
4. Sales Assistant.
5. Files Assistant.
6. 1 Despatch peon.
7. 1 Despatch peon (cycle)
8. 1 Bearer.

Justice Mookerjee: I do not think that it is necessary for the members to give their opinions in writing.

Umaprasad Mookerjee: I don't think we have got sufficient materials on the strength of which we can give our views. We should like to see the recommendations on the basis of which these posts have been abolished and other posts created.

Chairman: It means that we shall have to prepare another statement giving the present position in the Office and the recommendations suggested. Would it be quite all right to ask the general body of members to go into all these details?

Prof. N. C. Bhattacharyya: I suggest that the papers should be open for inspection of the members, so that those who wished, could come and inspect them. I think, however, there is a difficulty. The discussions must be held in camera because there was the question of the abolition of the post of the Superintendent, and the reports of Mr. T. Krishnamurti, Mr. B. S. Kesavan and others would have to be discussed. Unless those were seen by the members, the latter would not be able to acquaint the Council with their views. Therefore we should hold the meeting in camera. I am sure that unless the members felt convinced that the steps taken by the Council were justified on the basis of the reports submitted by the experts, they could not give any opinion.

Chairman: I do not think that it will be necessary to mention in the notice that the members would be coming to examine the papers.

Soumyendranath Tagore: That the members might come to the Society to inspect the relevant papers was decided at the last meeting and some members did come. The members will have to consider carefully whether it was re-organisation or just retrenchment; the entire thing would have to be thrashed out.

Chairman: There are certain difficulties. There are confidential reports and therefore the best that we could do, was that members would come and look into them. As suggested by Professor N. C. Bhattacharyya the meeting might be held in camera. The meeting would be open to all members who were sufficiently interested and wanted to go into the question carefully. Members who felt deeply about this, should take the trouble to go through the documents and look into the *pros and cons* of the proposals. If you are agreeable to that proposal we could have another meeting in camera, say, on the 20th September, 1954.

Prof. Devaprasad Ghosh: Some of us have already examined the papers in the Office. Relevant papers were personally seen by myself and Mr. Tagore but from a general point of view it is also a fact that most of the members do not want either to call here or give any opinion. I suggest that in this connection Prof. N. C. Bhattacharyya and other members who were interested, might come on a date to be fixed by the General Secretary.

General Secretary: It looks as if this meeting is going to be adjourned. What about those members who are not present? Are they also to be informed about the adjourned meeting?

Chairman: Certain decisions had been arrived at by a properly constituted body. The proposals were first examined by the Special Finance Committee and other Committees when necessary and finally the Council which took certain decisions they thought necessary. If the proposals put forth by the Council are again to be scrutinised by the General Body of Members all through then I do not know what is the exact position of the Council *vis-a-vis* the Ordinary Members.

Prof. Devaprasad Ghosh: Some reports have got to be made to the Government of India about our estimated requirements. An estimate of our requirements on the present basis may be drawn up as early as possible, and forwarded to the Central Government with a request for necessary financial aid for the year 1954-55.

Dr. D. M. Bose: Regarding the Council's decisions on this point. 1 like to enquire as to what would happen if the General Meeting recommended to the Council that the proposal were not acceptable. What would be the position then?

Chairman: That will depend on the extent of the objections to the Council's decisions for such non-acceptance.

Dr. D. M. Bose: Such proposals can only be put up for discussion but not for implementation. What is the reason for postponement of this matter? We ought to settle the position of the Council, regarding the decisions made about retrenchment and office re-organisation.

Umaprasad Mookerjee: Does Dr. D. M. Bose want that the Ordinary Members should accept the Council's recommendations without any scrutiny? The Council did not take the opinion of the members but made certain decisions without inviting the opinion of the members. Why should the Council apprehend that the recommendations of the Council would not be accepted by the General Meeting?

Chairman: We are anticipating too much now. This question should not arise at this stage.

Dr. D. M. Bose: We had already invited the opinion of the General Body of Members but the question is whether that opinion would be binding on the Council.

Prof. N. C. Bhattacharyya: It is found in Rule No. 41 (*d*) that the administration of the affairs of the Society is vested in the Council.

Soumyendranath Tagore: This point regarding the rights of the General Body of Members should be thrashed out, whether the Council can take any steps contrary to wishes of the members definitely expressed in a General Meeting. Rule 41 (*d*) which talks about the duties and powers of the Council does not offer any definite reply on that point.

Subrata Banerjee: It is a question of re-organisation and not a question of day-to-day administration. It is not a matter of orgnisation simply, but it is a re-organisation of the entire office and library of the Society. Sir, I like to point out to you that any re-organisation cannot be undertaken lightly. The opinions of different experts on all relevant points should be examined carefully. It is not just a question of dispensing with the services of two cataloguers. Sir, I beg to differ if anybody will try to assert that it is a matter bearing on the day-to-day administration only. The question very partinently raised by Dr. D. M. Bose as to whether it is the right of the General Meeting or the Council to make final decisions about office re-organisation should be decided first.

Justice Mookerjee: The way the discussions have turned is in my opinion most dangerous for the Society. We are speaking in such a strain here as if a grave crisis has arisen, because the General Meeting is bent on reversing the recommendations of the Council, and the Council may not listen to the best counsels of the General Meeting. This is a state of mind, this is a condition, which I deplore very much indeed. The only question is whether the matter is to be given effect to with the consent of the General Body of Members here or not. The best thing for the Society is not to harp on technicalities. If you want to have another meeting, ,if you want fuller discussions, let the meeting be then held in camera, not after the puja but before the puja holidays. Those who are in the Council may attend to explain the matter which is under consideration. The Council is annually elected in February. If no practical work is done till then the Council which comes into existence will be handicapped. That is why I say that we should consider the things on their merits and advise the Council in the best way possible. Let us not think of a cleavage in our ranks.

Dr. D. M. Bose: I object to the misinterpretation of the Rules-and Regulations Members are discussing things in such a way as to emphasise the question of testing their rights to consider the proposals emanating from the Council. My point is that the members should know what is provided in the Rules and Regulations, and what is not. A situation is arising where the General Meeting may think that they can cancel the recommendations of the Council, or they are not sufficiently convinced to be able to accept them. What would happen then?

Justice Mookerjee: The points raised by Dr. D. M. Bose are made clear in the ordinary rules of the Society.

Dr. D. M. Bose: There must be a definite procedure for such important matters not only at the Asiatic Society but also in the National Institute of Sciences of India. It relates to the relationship between the Council and the General Body of Members. If those who are on the Council are the representatives duly elected by the general body of members then certain other considerations ought to follow. As this question now stands, we should think about the exact position of the Council. Will it be a representative body of the Asiatic Society with full powers to act in accordance with the Rules and Regulations or will it be a body with very limited powers only? Then we should have to consider about the question of the powers of the Council, whether their recommendations can be thrown out by the General Body of Members. If that happens then the Council ought to dissolve automatically.

Prof. N. C. Bhattacharyya: I do not see the difficulty under which Dr. Bose is labouring. The rule is clear on this point. Under Rule No. 49(*g*) the General Meeting is entitled to consider the reports and recommendations and they are now considering it under that rule, and it is proposed to be considered again under that rule a few days later.

Interrupting at this point, Mr. Umaprasad Mookerjee enquired about the meaning of the term "consideration"—whether it meant weighing the merits of the case or not.

Continuing Prof. N. C. Bhattacharyya said: Rule No. 49(*g*) has to be read with Rule No. 41(*d*). The General Meeting may make suggestions and criticisms but after the Council makes decisions, those become final and cannot be modified by a General Meeting.

Prof. Devaprasad Ghosh: With regard to the interpretation given by Prof. N. C. Bhattacharyya opinions must differ. Rule No. 49(*g*) cannot be applied to a case like this. It is Rule No. 41(*d*). Prof. Devaprasad Ghosh quoted the rule as follows:—

> "To appoint as many salaried Officers, Clerks or Servants, as they may deem necessary, to define their duties, allowances, salaries, gratuities, and privileges; and to suspend or dismiss them, or dispense with their services, as occasion may require, and to report all such actions to the next General Meeting. *Provided that the appointment of any person to a post to which there is attached a salary of, or*

exceeding, Rs. 125 per mensem shall be subject to confirmation by the next General Meeting."

In all these cases continued Mr. Ghosh, the Special Committee must have made recommendations under that rule. The question of re-organisation has to come under the impact of the Rule No. 41(*d*). Even so, in the cases of officers drawing salaries exceeding Rs. 125 the consent of the General Members must be obtained.

Chairman: I think after all these discussions we may better adjourn this meeting to the 20th September, 1954 and meanwhile members who are so minded, are welcome to come and examine the documents in the office. The meeting is therefore adjourned to the 20th September. Notices will be issued to all the members that the adjourned meeting will be held on that day.

Dr. D. M. Bose: What is meant by a meeting in camera? Does it mean that it is open to members only and non-members would not be admitted?

General Secretary: What is the utility of exhibiting at a general meeting reports or notes which were submitted by former office-bearers of the Society? They are certainly not to be read by all members. I know Dr. D. K. Bagchi left some written notes but certainly I cannot be expected to place them before the General Body of Members.

Dr. K. N. Bagchi: I hope at the next meeting members will speak in more moderate terms and the office-bearers will be given a chance to explain things.

General Secretary: I must be given a chance to show to the members that I already placed before them the reports of the Special Committee. I have placed before them the report of the Library Committee, Mr. T. Krishnamurti's report, Mr. S. Ashfaque Husain's report, and so forth. They cannot expect me to show the notes, if any, left by the previous General Secretaries.

Prof. N. C. Bhattacharyya: You must show the confidential reports as stated by Mr. Umaprasad Mookerjee. They are in the nature of service records of persons serving the Asiatic Society. The previous General Secretaries must have left note about certain persons who are in the service of the Society. Any member has a right to see those records.

Umaprasad Mookerjee: What is meant by confidential reports? Whatever papers had been relied upon and on the basis of which these recommendations were made must be shown to the general body of members. The General Secretary must place all his cards on the table.

General Secretary: What cards? I do not play cards! I have placed before the members all relevant papers.

Prof. N. C. Bhattacharyya: We must take the entire General Body of Members into our confidence.

Raghabendra Banerjee: Instead of calling them confidential papers, we might call them "relevant papers".

Chairman: What is the legal position with regard to these confidential reports?

Umaprasad Mookerjee: If they are very important but not relevant to the facts on the basis of which the recommendations were made then the Secretary is not bound to show them here but to keep them for inspection by those interested, as had been pointed out by Mr. Justice Mookerjee. No member came to this meeting just to create difficulties. That is not the spirit with which we came. We came here just to co-operate and to find a correct solution to these problems.

Dr. D. M. Bose: Will the members be agreeable to be under an obligation not to reveal to any outsider the contents of the confidential papers?

Subrata Banerjee: We have come here to serve the best interests of the Asiatic Society.

Chairman: Is it the sense of the house that this meeting is to be adjourned and that the members will come to the Asiatic Society to look into the relevant papers on working days between 5 and 7 p.m.?

Umaprasad Mookerjee: I think that the time may be fixed by the members concerned in consultation with the General Secretary.

The Meeting was then adjourned to meet again on the
20th September, 1954.

The Adjourned Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 20th September, 1954 at 5. 15 p.m. to consider the unfinished agenda of the meeting held on the 6th September, 1954.

PRESENT

DR. SUNITI KUMAR CHATTERJI, M.A., D.Lit., F.A.S., M.L.C. (*in the Chair*).

Members:

Agarwalla, T. N.
Ahmed, Said
Bagchi, K. N.
Banerjea, J. N.
Banerjee, Satyendramohan
Banerjee, Subrata
Bhaduri, J. L.
Bose, D. M.
Catto, W. Ewan
Chakravarti, P.
Chopra, Hira Lall
Ghosh, C. K.
Ghosh, Devaprasad
Ghosh, R. C.
Gooptu, D. J.
Griffiths, Walter G.
Gupta, P. C.
Hora, S. L.
Kanoria, G. K.
Lahiri, A. N.
Mitra, E. (Miss)
Mookerjee, A.
Mookerjee, Ramaprasad
Mookerjee, Umaprasad
Mukherji, K. C.
Moondhra, Mahesh Kumar
Ray Chaudhury, Makhanlal
Saha, Mahadeo Prasad
Saraswati, S. K.
Sen, J. M.
Sen, Nirmalkumar
Sen, Sukumar
Siddiqi, M. Z.
Tagore, Saumyendranath
Ukil, A. C.

The item on the printed agenda circulated to the Members ran as follows:—

> Further discussion regarding item No. 7 of the agenda of the notice of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on the 6th September, 1954.

The Chairman then opened the proceedings by saying: "We shall now proceed to the item on the agenda, *viz.*, further discussion regarding the recommendations of the Council about reorganisation of the Library and the General Office of the Society made on the 16th July, 1954. These are again placed before the adjourned meeting as the discussions in this connection could not be finished on the 6th of September, 1954, necessitating an adjournment to the 20th September, 1954."

The discussion then centred round the question of interpretation of the Rules Nos. 41(*d*), 49(*g*) and 53, the powers of the Council *vis-a-vis* the General Body of Members and the authority of the Council to elect Mr. Syed Ashfaque Husain, a non-member to be a member of the Special Finance Committee.

Besides the President and the General Secretary the following members took part in the discussion: Dr. Makhanlal Ray Chaudhury, Dr. A. C. Ukil, Mr. Umaprasad Mookerjee, Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee, Dr. D. M.

Bose, Dr. Mehdi Husain, Dr. M. Z. Siddiqi, Mr. S. Banerjee and Mr. Devaprasad Ghosh (Ex-Principal).

Incidentally some of those who participated in the discussions enquired about the financial aspect, *viz.*, the economies which might be effected through acceptance of the proposals of the Council about reorganisation of the library and the general office of the Asiatic Society. The General Secretary drew the attention of the members to the fact that the exact financial position could not be foreseen at the stage when it was not definitely known whether the proposals would be accepted *in toto* or in a modified form by the general body of members. In case the proposals were agreed to at the meeting then ultimately there might be a saving of Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 14,000 per annum on account of salaries, dearness allowance and other allowances, *i.e.*, there would be no deficit in the Budget, provided that a Government of India grant of Rs. 25,000 is received every year and the expenditure on items other than on salaries of staff is kept at the present level.

The members did not go into the merits of the proposals of the Council but after a discussion extending over two hours, Mr. Umaprasad Mookerjee formally moved as follows:

> "That this matter be sent back to the Council for further consideration in the light of the discussions held by the members."

Dr. Devaprasad Ghosh supported the proposal.

Mr. Satyendramohan Banerjee suggested that in the resolution as moved by Mr. Umaprasad Mookerjee the words "sent back" might be substituted by the words "referred back"; and he suggested that the resolution should be redrafted as follows:

> "This General Meeting requests the Council to reconsider their decisions about reorganisation of the general office and the library in the light of the discussions held at the General Meeting on the 2nd August, 6th September, and 20th September, 1954."

The mover (Mr. Umaprasad Mookerjee) accepted the modified proposal moved by Mr. Satyendramohan Banerjee and the same was agreed to by the members present.

Before the meeting dispersed, the Chairman observed that as requested at the meeting the whole question would be gone into in detail by the Council and that the decisions of the Council would be reported, if possible, at the December meeting of the general body of members.

An Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 1st November, 1954 at 5.15 p.m.

PRESENT

DR. K. N. BAGCHI, B.Sc., M.B., F.R.I.C., F.N.I., D.T.M.,
Treasurer (in the Chair).

Members :

Banerjea, J. N.
Binani, Bithaldas
Basu, U. P.
Bose, J. K.
Bose, S. K.
Hora, S. L.
Kanoria, G. K.
Lahiri, A. N.
Majumdar, Prabhas Ch.
Mitra, E.
Mitra, P.
Mitra, Sisirkumar
Moondhra, Mahesh Kumar
Mukerji, Benoybhushan
Saraswati, S. K.
Sen, J. M.
Sen, Nirmalchandra
Sen, Nirmalkumar
Sen, Sukumar
Tagore, Saumyendranath
Adams, J. H.

1. The Chairman requested the General Secretary to read the Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on the 6th September, 1954 and the Minutes of the adjourned meeting held on the 20th September, 1954. The General Secretary read both the Minutes, which were duly confirmed.

(*Note.*—In this connection the General Secretary read a letter from the President (Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji) before he left for Indonesia in which he suggested that except for certain irrelevant comments the Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on the 6th September, 1954 should be recorded *in toto;* but with regard to the Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting held *in camera* on the 20th September, 1954, a gist only should be drawn up and kept in the Minute Book.)

2. With regard to item No. 7 of the printed agenda (quoted below) Dr. Sukumar Sen queried as to how item No. 7 came to be included in the agenda, and the following brief discussion took place in this connection:

Item No. 7—To report under Rule 41(*d*) that the case of not granting an extension of the service period of Mr. Rajendrachandra Kar, temporary publication Assistant, was reconsidered by the Council on the 17th September, 1954, and that the Council adhered to the previous decision arrived at on the 23rd August, 1954, *viz.*, to terminate his appointment with effect from 1st October, 1954. Further to report that as Mr. Rajendrachandra Kar applied to the Labour Commissioner for conciliation proceedings in regard to his case, pending hearing of the matter in November, 1954, his services in the Society have not been terminated but he has been relieved of his duties as the publication Assistant and has been assigned some other work in the Office to maintain *status quo* for the time being.

Dr. J. K. Bose: Mr. Chairman, arising out of this item, I do not know how many people have seen this but if the Council have no competent person conversant with the procedure followed in labour disputes then this case ought to be sent to some expert adviser who may help the Council with opinion as to how the case should be dealt with now. I find in the agenda that this Assistant has been assigned some other work in the Office for maintaining *status quo* for the time being. That arrangement was wrong from the legal point of view. We should have taken the advice of experts in this connection. The case has not been properly put and is likely to create confusion. If any man is serving on a temporary basis his services may be easily terminated at the end of the stipulated period. We are dealing with similar cases. In certain construction jobs, the work naturally is spread over a few years and the men engaged in such kind of work are all engaged on a temporary basis and their services end when the work is finished. I think that the Council have the right to act similarly in this case. We should therefore take competent advice in this case.

Prof. J. M. Sen: What is the remedy you can suggest now?

Dr. J. K. Bose: The main question is whether he is temporary or not. If he is temporary then why raise the question of merit or demerits and inefficiency?

Dr. K. N. Bagchi: What do you think of the opinion expressed by Mr. Justice R. P. Mookerjee in course of the discussions held?

Dr. J. K. Bose: As he is not present here today, it is not proper to hold a discussion in his absence about what he said in the case of Mr. Rajendrachandra Kar. I find that this Assistant was given different jobs in a temporary capacity and the last date for termination of his service was 30th September, 1954.

J. H. Adams: If this man had been one of my employees I would have tried to compromise the matter. I have dealt with cases like this and would not undertake to pursue the matter any further but would have asked the gentleman concerned to go out and look for another job elsewhere.

Dr. J. K. Bose: But the case has gone before the Labour Commissioner.

J. H. Adams: It can be withdrawn.

Dr. J. K. Bose: The employee should go. The dignity of the Society should be maintained at all costs. I do not think it wise to allow this matter to drag on. The matter may be settled by giving him one month's pay and asking him to go elsewhere. Whether he is temporary or not, he will be entitled to one month's notice in any case.

Dr. K. N. Bagchi: But he has applied to the Labour Commissioner, how can the Council act now?

Dr. J. K. Bose: There is always two sides to the case.

Dr. Sukumar Sen: How could item No. 7 come into this agenda?

General Secretary: The Council did not meet in the month of October being a recess month. Any important matter that cropped up during that month when the Council was not meeting, must be brought up at the next General Meeting for information. How that could be done if the necessary item was not included in the agenda?

Dr. Sukumar Sen: This item did not need immediate consideration. Under whose order was this item shown in the agenda?

The General Secretary then briefly stated the circumstances under which the publication Assistant was assigned some other work in the Office to maintain *status quo* for the time being. The general body of members might say why they were never informed about the matter hence the item was inserted in the Monthly Meeting Notice for November.

Dr. Sukumar Sen: Let the employee continue for the time being but my proposal is that this report which is now being made should be merely noted.

The members present agreed that the item No. 7 would be simply noted and the matter should be placed again before the Council.

Dr. J. K. Bose: The service conditions of each employee should be clarified, otherwise difficulties would arise every time.

Chairman: Your suggestion is that the Council should take advice from outside experts. Those who are dealing with this matter are members of the Society, and I am sure that you too would be able to help us. I now pass on to the next item on the agenda.

3. The Chairman then requested the General Secretary to announce the receipt of books presented to and purchased by the Society. The General Secretary reported the receipt of 228 such books; 179 by presentation and 49 by purchase during the months of August and September, 1954 and said that they were exhibited on the table for the inspection of members. Special mention should be made of 87 volumes of Arabic, Persian and Urdu books received from the Nababidhan Brahmo

Samaj, Calcutta, and the following three manuscripts presented by Mr. Nishinath Bhattacharjee, Bhatpara: (*i*) Tantrasara of Krsnananda Agamvagisa. Saka 1694 (233 fols.), (*ii*) Parthivasivalingapujapaddhati (4 f.), (*iii*) Grhayajnapramanatativa of Samskaratattva (3 f.).

4. Next the General Secretary reported that under Regulation 6 of the Regulations regarding Election of Honorary Fellows the name of Mr. Jogeshchandra Ray, M.A., Vidyanidhi, had been duly proposed for election as an Honorary Fellow by the Council for being ballotted under Regulation 6 and 7 of the said Regulation.

As required under the Regulation for Election of Honorary Fellows the General Secretary requested the members to give their opinion as to whether they desire to have a ballot taken for the election of the aforesaid Honorary Fellow. No ballot was considered necessary as the members present unanimously decided to elect Mr. Jogeshchandra Roy as an Honorary Fellow of the Asiatic Society.

5. The Chairman enquired whether any member wished to table any motion under Rule 49(*d*).

There was no such motion.

6. The Chairman next requested the General Secretary to make the reports and communications from the Council under Rule No. 49(*g*).

The General Secretary reported as follows:—

(*a*) New Members—4

The General Secretary read the names of the following new members elected by the Council under Rule No. 7:

(23) Singa, Shiva Paltan, M.A., Lecturer in Hindi, City College, 3, Mander Street, Calcutta-7.
Proposer : R. Chatterjee. Seconder : P. Chakravarti.

(24) Das Gupta, M. S., A.M.E.E., Engineer, 21, Jatindas Road, Calcutta-29.
Proposer : S. K. Saraswati. Seconder : J. M. Sen.

(25) Jain, Baboo Lall, B.Com., Research Worker, P.17, Kalakar Street, Calcutta-7.
Proposer : R. Chatterjee. Seconder : P. Chakravarti.

(26) Roy Vaid, Laxmi Patt, B.A., Research Worker, C/o Sohanlal Dugar, 5A, Lord Sinha Road, Calcutta-16.
Proposer : R. Chatterjee. Seconder : K. M. Maitra.

(b) Death—1

Mr. N. N. Ghatak .. Ordinary Member since 1- 4-46 (*c*) Resignations—4

1. Sm. Jyotirmayee Sarma	Ordinary member since	1- 3-48
2. Mr. Niren De ..	,, ,, ,,	1- 4-46
3. Mr. J. N. Banerjee ..	,, ,, ,,	2-12-46
4. Mr. S. B. Sen Gupta ..	,, ,, ,,	5- 5-52

(*d*) Withdrawal of application—*Nil.*

(*e*) Lapses of Election—*Nil.*

7. Communication—1

The Chairman then requested Mr. A. N. Lahiri to make his communication and comment on the same—

"Importance of the (1948) Hoard of Attic Tetradrachms". (Illustrated).

A brief summary of Mr. A. N. Lahiri's paper is given below:—

Mr. A. D. H. Bivar, of the Ashmolian Museum, Oxford, has given in the Numismatic Circular, May, 1953 and May, 1954 description of two Attic double-decadrachms and 13 Attic tetradrachms of Plato, Menadder, Lysias, Antialcidas, Theophilus, Archebius, Philoxenus and Hermaeus. All these coins are said to have been discovered near Qunduz in N. Afghanistan along with 3 more double-decadrachms of Amuntas and 592 Attic tetradrachms of the Greek kings of Bactria and Syria.

This most remarkable hoard of 610 Attic coins has thrown a flood of light on the history of the Greek kings of Bactria and India. The numismatic importance of the coins lies not only in the fact that they reveal *for the first time* hitherto unknown Attic coins of six Indo-Greek kings, but also in the fact that there are amongst them at the same time coins of at least 20 Greek kings beginning with Alexander the Great and ending with Hermaeus, the last known Greek king of India. The Hoard includes several types or varieties of coins of the Graeco-Bactrian kings, hitherto known from very rare or unique specimens.

Besides in respect of the weight-standard and provenance the Attic coins of the Indo-Greek kings present several noteworthy features, such as, artistic merits and fabric, deity-affinity, arrangements of legends, obserse bordering, royal epithets and monograms which go to show that the coins may be attributed to the kings in whose reigns they were struck.

After Mr. A. N. Lahiri had finished his speech a discussion took place. Dr. J. N. Banerjea said that interesting conclusions might be drawn from an analysis of this hoard. These coins were now in the Kabul Museum and he pointed out that it was necessary the Government of India should assist scholars who were interested in this subject to go to Afghanistan and study these things first hand. Mr. Bivar published only a short notice of these coins in the Numismatic Circular and that was about all. The subject needed, however, more elaborate treatment. Others who joined in the discussions were: Dr. K. N. Bagchi and Mr. J. H. Adams. Members agreed with Mr. Adams that the Asiatic Society should move in the matter as it was such an important discovery, so that the Government of India might render suitable assistance in this connection.

On behalf of the members the Chairman then thanked Mr. Lahiri for his very interesting paper.

The Meeting then terminated.

An Ordinary Monthly General Meeting of the Asiatic Society was held on Monday, the 6th December, 1954 at 5-15 p.m.

PRESENT

DR. J. L. BHADURI, D.Sc., F.N.I., F.A.S., (in the Chair)

Members :

*Banerji, S. M.
Chakravarti, P.
Das Gupta, C. C.
Maitra, K. M.
Masumi, D. M. K.
Mitra, Sisirkumar
Mukherji, K. C.
Sen, J. M.
Sen, Nirmalkumar

*(*Note.*—Mr. S. M. Banerji did not sign the register due to failure of the lights. The meeting started at 5-25 p.m., after lighting a few candles in the Hall and staircase.)

1. The Chairman requested the General Secretary to read the Minutes of the Ordinary Monthly General Meeting held on 1st November, 1954. The General Secretary read the Minutes which were duly confirmed and signed.

2. The Chairman asked the General Secretary to announce the receipt of books presented to and purchased by the Asiatic Society during October, 1954. The General Secretary said that 49 books were received, 40 by presentation and 9 by purchase. They were exhibited on the table for inspection by members.

3. The Chairman called upon the General Secretary to read the names of the candidates for membership of the Society, and the ballot papers were distributed to the members. The General Secretary read the names of the five candidates and the Chairman himself with the help of the General Secretary, scrutinised the voting papers. The result

of the voting was announced. Two of the ordinary members who were present on the occasion being employees of the Society (*viz.*, Dr. P. Chakravarti and Prof. K. M. Maitra) did not participate in the voting. All the other members present voted in favour of the following five candidates who were therefore declared elected.

(27) Bhattacharyya, Gaurisankar, B.A., 14, Lansdowne Terrace, Calcutta-26.
Proposer : R. Chatterjee. Seconder : P. Chakravarti.

(28) Mukhopadhyay, Bratindra Nath, B.A. (Honours), Member of Bangiya Itihas Parishad. 56, Jatin Das Road, Calcutta-29.
Proposer : Sisir Kumar Mitra. Seconder : S. K. Saraswati.

(29) Karim, Mohammad Abdul, B.A., 46-A, Lower Circular Road, Calcutta-16.
Proposer : Mahadev Prasad Saha. Seconder : R. Chatterjee.

(30) Lahiri, Suhaschandra, M.B., B.S., Physician, Clinical and Research Assistant in Medicne, Calcutta National Medical Institute and Chittaranjan Hospitals, Calcutta. 100, Raja Basanta Roy Road, Calcutta-29.
Proposer : K. N. Bagchi. Seconder : J. M. Sen.

(31) Jackaria, Ismail H., B.Com., Businessman, 2, Rajmohan Street, Calcutta-1.
Proposer : R. Chatterjee. Seconder : P. Chakravarti.

4. The General Secretary also reported that the Council had accepted the Institutional Membership of the Rangoon University Library.

5. The Chairman enquired whether any member wished to table any motion under Rule 49(*d*).

There was no such motion.

6. The Chairman then requested the General Secretary to make the reports and communications from the Council under Rule 49(g).

The General Secretary reported as follows:—

(*a*) Death—*Nil*

(*b*) Resignations—*Nil*

(*c*) Withdrawal of applications—*Nil*

(*d*) Lapses of Election—1

Mr. M. A. Kareem
Proposer : M. Ishaque. Seconder : R. Chatterjee.

(*e*) The Budget Estimates for 1955 were merely placed at the meeting.

On account of paucity of attendance no discussion took place and the General Secretary explained that in terms of the Rules of the Asiatic Society the estimates for 1955 will be placed at the Annual General Meeting and thereafter at an Ordinary Meeting. So far as the revised Estimates for 1954 were concerned hardly any discussion took place as the estimates in original were passed in the Monthly Meeting held on the 2nd August, 1954, and whatever further revisions were made were approved by the Council on the 25th of November, 1954. Whether the revised estimates for 1954 will require fresh approval at an ordinary general meeting was left to the Council for their direction. One or two members present however expressed the view that the amount provided for the electricity charges in the budget would be inadequate.

7. In the absence of the author the following paper which would be published in the Journal in due course, was taken as read:

"The Hindu College in Calcutta" By Dr. R. C. Majumdar.

In this paper the learned author gives a history of the Hindu College in Calcutta which was founded as early as 1817 and deals with the important original documents which throw interesting light on the attitude of the Hindu public towards English education in the beginning of the nineteenth century. The author brought together all the evidence bearing upon the subject and deduced conclusions from them in such a way as set at rest all speculations that have been rife since the thirties of the last century about the promoters of the scheme to whom the credit for founding the institution might go.

8. As to the Communication on—"Some Coins of Bengal Sultans" by Prof. N. B. Roy, due to the absence of Prof. N. B. Roy the item was treated as postponed to a future date to be announced later.

The Chairman then declared the meeting as closed.

OBITUARY NOTICE

Sir Edward Douglas Maclagan, K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E., C.S.I.

(Born: 1864; Died: 1953)

Son of General Maclagan, R.E., who saw service in India, Sir Edward Douglas Maclagan, K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E., C.S.I., I.C.S., was connected with India for 39 years. Educated in Winchester and New College, Oxford, Sir Edward entered the Indian Civil Service in 1885 and very soon made his mark as an efficient administrator. As a reward of his outstanding ability he was appointed Undersecretary of the Government of India in the Department of Revenue and Agriculture in 1892. In 1906 Sir Edward was promoted to the responsible position of the Chief Secretary of the Government of the Punjab. Since then his career in the Civil Service was meteoric. Sir Edward served as the Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department from 1910 to 1914. Soon after the amendment which was effected in 1912 of the Indian Co-operative Societies Act (1904) a need for an enquiry into some aspects of the Indian Co-operative Movement was felt. Sir Edward was chosen as the President of the Imperial Committee on Co-operation in 1914. The Report of the Committee, published in 1915, which dealt mainly with the working and functions of Central and Provincial Co-operative Banks will for a long time to come stand out as a landmark in the economic history of India. Between 1915 and 1918 Sir Edward was the Secretary to the Department of Education, Government of India. He was appointed Lieut.-Governor of the Punjab in 1919 and occupied the position until 1921 in which year he was appointed the first Governor of the Province and worked in that distinguished capacity from 1921 to 1924. It may be remembered that Sir Edward was specially chosen in 1919 to take charge of the province of the Punjab and to conciliate her people on whom there had been perpetuated the Jalianwalla Bag atrocities and other grievances and inhuman wrongs. Sir Edward was created a C.S.I. in 1909, a K.C.I.E. in 1913 and a K.C.S.I. in 1921.

During his long career in India running from 1885 to 1924 Sir Edward continued to take a keen interest in historical studies. After his retirement Sir Edward devoted himself assiduously to researches in the mediaeval history of India. For two terms of three years each from 1925-28 and 1931-34 he was the President of the Royal Asiatic Society. His work 'Jesuits and the Great Mogul' published in 1932 has deservedly won the praise of competent scholars.

On the occasion of Sir Edward's passing we deeply mourn a friend of India and a distinguished member of the Asiatic Society who was connected with us as Member and Fellow from 1929 to 1953.

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PREFACE

A catalogue of a library collection is an essential help for the researchers and the members of the library in general. But for want of funds we could not carry out our obligations for a long time, in spite of our best intentions. The problem of cataloguing books on scientific lines was engaging our attention for some time past, but we could not make any headway in this matter. We, therefore, thought of publishing a number of short catalogues of our collections as supplements to the Year-Books of the Asiatic Society. The scheme was approved by the Library Committee and the Council in their respective meetings held on 4th July and 15th July 1957. Hence the work of cataloguing the Arabic books in the Society's Library was taken up for publication. There may be some minor defects in the work, but we hope that inspite of them, the printed catalogue will be of use to those interested in the study of Arabic literature. I should like to offer my thanks in this connection to those who have been mainly responsible in bringing out this catalogue.

Dated 1st November, 1957.

JITENDRANATH BANERJEA

General Secretary.

INTRODUCTION

Two fascicles of a Catalogue of the Arabic books and manuscripts in the library of the Asiatic Society of Bengal were published in 1899 (fasc. 1) and in 1904 (fasc. 2). Since then we could not publish an up-to-date catalogue, not even a handlist. Such a catalogue is an essential feature of a library, without which it cannot discharge its responsibilities. For the last few years, this want was strongly felt by the Society, and a comprehensive scheme was drawn up for the publication of detailed catalogues on a scientific method. The catalogue should preferably record all the related materials available in the library, so that scholars, as well as general members, may easily find out their requirements in their respective fields of study. But the execution of the above principle depends on the funds yet to come from the Government. Pending the receipt of the Government Grants, the Library Committee at its meeting held on 4th July 1957 accepted the suggestion to publish a short catalogue of Arabic books without the aforesaid features as a supplement to the Year-Book of the Asiatic Society. We hope to bring out a companion volume to this catalogue in the near future. It will include all the available materials in the library of the Society, relating to the Arabic Studies and translations of Arabic texts in non-Arabic languages.

In the execution of the present volume, I acknowledge, with thanks, the services of Maulavi Mutiur Rahman (Assistant Librarian), Prof. A. M. K. Masumi (Calcutta Madrasa), Prof. Kishori Mohan Maitra, and the Library Secretary of the Asiatic Society. Maulavi Mutiur Rahman was responsible for the compilation of the catalogue, while the revision was done at the proof stage by Prof. A. M. K. Masumi.

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Librarian

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